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## UNITED STATES PROTESTS BRITISH NAVAL RULES

### BRITAIN MUST PAY FOR VIOLATION OF AMERICAN SHIPPING

Blanket Protest Against Transgression of Sea Rights Sent by the United States

### APPLIES RULE MADE BY BRITISH

Inferred This Country Will Ask Millions in Reparation at Close of the War

### QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Precedent Points Out That England Has Taken a Similar Position in Former Wars

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—The United States government yesterday dispatched a long note to Great Britain insisting upon an early improvement in the treatment of American commerce by the British fleet.

It gave warning that much feeling had been aroused in this country, and that public criticism was general over unwarranted interference with the legitimate foreign trade of the United States.

### Presidents Acts Carefully

Preparation of the document was begun a month ago by Solicitor General Johnson, Counselor Robert Lansing, and Secretary Bryan, and finally during the last two weeks had the personal attention of President Wilson himself, who revised its phraseology with minute care.

### Silence Might Cause Error

The note declares that the outset that the representations are made in a friendly spirit, but that the United States considers it best to speak in terms of frankness, lest silence be construed as an acquiescence in a policy on the part of Great Britain which infringes the rights of American citizens under the laws of nations.

Since France has adopted practically the same decrees on contraband as has Great Britain, the note is virtually a statement intended for all the members of the triple entente.

### Moral Effect Is Worst

Reimbursement alone for cargoes unlawfully detained or seized, it states, does not remedy the evil, as the chief difficulty is the moral effect of British practice on American exporters, who are restrained by it from taking risks or hazards which in no case ought to surround legitimate trade between the United States and other neutral countries.

Feeling has been aroused on the subject to such an extent, the communication adds, that the American government feels compelled to ask for definite information as to Great Britain's attitude in order that it may take such measures as will protect American citizens in their rights.

### Patient at Long Delay

The United States, it points out, was patient at first, realizing that the unexpected outbreak of hostilities had heaped a mass of burdens on the British government, and thinking an early clearing of the air would come. Five months have elapsed, the note asserts with no improvement in the situation.

One of the most important matters discussed in the note is the definition of absolute and conditional contraband. The United States government takes the position that foodstuffs, unless actually consigned to the forces of the enemy, are not to be considered as absolute contraband. If this definition, which quotes a declaration by Lord Salisbury at the time of the Boer war as authority, is accepted, American trade with Germany and Austria will be resumed, affecting the prices of wheat, flour and livestock.

### Against Delay

The note also declares that the United States cannot tolerate undue delay in examining American ships, or their conveying to British ports for examination. The note insists that proof of hostile destination of cargo must be evident at the time of search at sea if the ship is detained. A strong protest is also registered against the detention of American cargoes consigned to neutral points. A special reference is made to the difference in the treatment of copper cargoes consigned to Scandinavian countries and those intended for Italy. The Italian cargoes are held up, while the others are unmolested, and the United States makes a specific complaint of this condition.

This government intends to hold Great Britain to strict monetary account for any violation of rights to American shipping. President Wilson made this emphatically evident today in discussing the dispatch of the blanket protest to England against

### LORD NORTHCLIFFE SAYS GERMANY IS BEATEN BUT WAR WILL LAST YEARS

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LORD NORTHCLIFFE'S VIEWS ON THE WAR

Germany is beaten and was beaten the day she retreated from Paris. The horrors of Belgium will put Cawnpore in the background. Germany will be strangled and the war end by starvation and attrition, but the process will be one of years and not of months.

The Japanese have kept strictly to the letter of their agreement with the allies. Americans are well aware of the size of the English navy and know that for 100 years it has been friendly to them.

The Japanese are abundantly cognizant of the latent power of the United States. It is fortunate that the German army and present German government has produced no Bismarck, no Von Moltke, no Von Roon.

The German army and government is a superb machine with no brains at the top.

### COUNTY GETS BACK M'GILVRAY ROAD

Highway It "Wished" on Town of Holland Refused by Town Board; May Mean Legal Fight

### GOX DEMANDS PROOF OF VICE

Wants Legislative Committee to Produce Evidence That There Is Immorality in La Crosse

The McGilvray road and bridge, "wished" on the town of Holland by the county board at its last meeting, was today returned to the county.

"The return" was in the form of curtly worded resolutions, adopted by the town board in which that body refused to be the recipient of a notorious "lemon."

The declaration of the town to accept the road, even after the county board voted to turn it over, indicates that the members of the town board have good and sufficient reason to believe that the action of the county was unconstitutional and that the county must keep the highway.

Originally, the road and bridge were built by the county. In a recent action before the circuit court and later before the supreme court it was determined that the county still owned the highway.

The road was nothing but a source of great expense and then a member of the county board conceived the brilliant idea of "passing the buck" onto the town, via the resolution route.

By the adoption and presentation to the county board of resolutions denying and refusing ownership of the road the town puts the responsibility for accidents, etc., up to the county board until that body proves it had the legal right to vote it onto the town.

### Wants Vice Proof

The Wisconsin vice investigating committee will be asked for proof of the conditions which that body declared were found here.

Resenting charges made by the commission regarding vice existing here, County Supervisor L. B. Cox, Onalaska, presented a resolution to the county board today asking the vice investigators for proof of crime in La Crosse. The board passed the resolution.

Supervisor Cox's main objection to the vice report lay in the harm which he declared was being done to La Crosse schools.

Defending the vice report, Supervisor J. J. Verchota declared that it would help reform, although he declared that a more thorough investigation should have been made of wage conditions.

Resolutions passed by the county board of Kenosha county asking the state legislature to abolish the state board of education and the state highway law were read and referred.

Lunde Leaves Board  
Ole Lunde, county treasurer-elect, today resigned as member of the county board. He takes office as treasurer in January.

### HELD FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

ASHLAND, Wis., Dec. 29.—D. L. Wiggins of Portland, Ore., today was held to trial on the charge of embezzling \$2,600 from Edward Torden, a shareholder, for whom he was appointed guardian sixteen years ago.

### SCHOOL EPIDEMIC SPREADS

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 29.—Seventeen cases of smallpox have been traced to a parochial school, which will be fumigated from cellar to garret in consequence.

### TO MAKE VISITING HOUSEKEEPER THE SOLID FOUNDATION

W. E. Barber Presents Plan for Permanent Results from County Expenditures for Poor

### TO ROOT OUT INCOMPETENCE

An Experienced Woman to Visit Homes of Dependents and Show Them Practical Home-making

### WOULD SAVE MORE THAN ITS COST

Demonstrated for Month the Plan Promises to Go Far Toward Solving Old Problem

A resolution providing for the establishment of the office of "visiting housekeeper" will be introduced at the meeting of the county board this afternoon.

The plan was presented by W. E. Barber, supervisor from the Seventh ward. Its purposes are fully set forth in the resolution, the complete text of which follows:

The Resolution  
To the Honorable Chairman and Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County:

Whereas, the highest scientific authority on the subject of caring for dependent families recognizes that no relief that does not look to the eventual establishment of the dependent family upon an independent basis is founded in economy and calculated to permanently improve society; and

Whereas, experience has taught us that the system in vogue in La Crosse County is wasteful and inadequate to serve the larger purposes of the enterprise; and

Whereas, ignorance of ways and means and lack of initiative which leads to slothful and wasteful methods are the most important causes of domestic incompetence; and

Whereas, to remedy these evils the presence of a woman competent to instruct in practical methods and to teach the principles of home-making can cover a field which men are incompetent to deal with; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the office of Visiting Housekeeper be and is hereby established for the County of La Crosse, to be administered by a woman to be elected annually by the county board of supervisors, and to be paid an annual salary of \$500 in monthly payments of \$50.

Scope of Plan  
Accompanying the resolution Mr. Barber presented a set of rules outlining the duties and authority of the visiting housekeeper. These rules, it is proposed, shall be made a part of the regulations adopted for the administration of the poor commission's office. The rules follow:

Rules of Office  
It shall be the duty of said public housekeeper to devote herself to the reclamation of homes that through poverty, incompetence or disease have fallen below the standard which comports with the station of the inmates, and to inculcate in said families practical principles of domestic science and a proper regard for household duties so that through intelligent industry and economy the home may be made as little burdensome to the state as possible and eventually may be made self-sustaining.

Said public housekeeper shall be invested with authority to enter homes of dependent families, to direct management, instruct members and, subject to the poor commission, to order necessary supplies, and to take such further steps as in her judgment are necessary and advisable for the consummation of the purposes of her employment.

Said public housekeeper shall keep an account of her expenditures and shall make monthly reports in writing to the poor commissioner. Said reports shall contain a financial statement and shall include a detailed account of the work together with comment and suggestions concerning the state of the service, and said reports shall be kept on file in the office of the poor commission.

### The Beginning

The Barber plan grew out of an investigation made by the supervisor pursuant to a request of citizens who are interested in the administration

Legislative Committee on State Courts at Madison Meeting Favors System of U. S. Tribunals

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Branch of Circuit Court  
That the municipal court of Milwaukee county be made a branch of the circuit court in order to equalize the burden imposed on the municipal judge in trying all criminal cases.

Discussion was also held on a proposal looking to the retirement of judges at the age of 70 years by prohibiting them from running for reelection after reaching that age, and to pension them. An argument for this is the fact that the reelection of an old judge is often effected through popular sympathy.

### McConnell a Member

This committee consists of Chief Justice Winslow, chairman; Judge C. A. Fowler, Fond du Lac; Municipal Judge E. Hurbit, Milwaukee; W. E. Hurlbut, Onalaska; A. C. McCormick, Green Bay; Frank M. Hoyt, Milwaukee; J. E. McConnell, La Crosse; and Christian Doerfler, Milwaukee, all but Mr. Doerfler attending yesterday's meeting.

Many of these subjects were the theme of discussion by the circuit judges at their annual meeting held concurrently. The address of the afternoon was made by Judge A. H. Reid of Wausau, speaking on the topic: "Shall there be conferred upon the board of circuit judges power to prescribe rules regulating practice and procedure in circuit courts? If so what statutes should be amended to accomplish that result and what changes should there be in the existing statutes and rules?"

### Judge Reid Opposed

Judge Reid was not inclined to favor such a transfer of power to the board of circuit judges. Any radical changes in the present code would work out disastrously because it has now become firmly founded in our legal system and familiar to bench and bar alike. Improvements in its administration, however, is highly advisable, but the present code can be amended by the legislature to give it perfected form, he believed.

This could be done without mingling in politics. Both in fact and in theory judges should keep strictly out of politics, said Judge Reid, but he felt that the legislature is entitled to the advice and assistance of judges for the improvement of the legal system.

### Would Reduce Cost

Some of the common complaints against the courts were taken up by Judge Reid in a frank manner and their truths and falsities considered from his viewpoint. How to reduce the cost of litigation to litigants received attention. It is often charged that the poor man cannot get justice as well as the rich man. His rights, however, said Judge Reid, are as fully protected as are the rich man's. But the man of means is able to retain the best lawyers and exhaust every legal remedy to endeavor to win his case, while the poorer client often must stop for fear that a long drawn out case will be more than he can afford. Judge Reid suggested an inquiry into the wisdom of the state providing free legal aid in such cases, as is done in Los Angeles.

The courts have a relation to the high cost of living, said Judge Reid.

### SENSATIONAL CHARGES FILED AGAINST "COP" BY JOE HIRT TODAY

### MERCHANTS AND RETAILERS TO JOIN IN PROTEST

Retail Merchants, Grocers and Other Organizations to Unite to Secure Retention of Train

### BOARD OF TRADE TO COME IN

Manufacturers' and Jobbers' Club Also Busy to Keep Milwaukee Evening Train in Service

A big protest will be registered with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad against the removal of train No. 2, which left here at 8:30 o'clock in the evening for the east and which stopped at West Salem and Bangor.

This was the announcement today of Harry Taggart, secretary of the Retail Merchants' and the Grocers' associations.

"The train is one of the most valuable to our business houses," said Mr. Taggart this morning, "and its removal will not only have a bad effect on La Crosse businessmen but will create untold inconvenience to residents of West Salem and Bangor who have been using it to return home in the evening."

"We will protest to the road, stating our objections. In the event that does not have the desired effect we will probably appeal to the railroad commission of Wisconsin for an order compelling the reinstatement of the service."

This afternoon it was practically positive that the La Crosse board of trade and the Manufacturers and Jobbers' club would also join in the program to retain the train.

### HEARS EDWARDS FIGHT

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Federal Judge Landis today heard arguments on the demurrer, filed by attorneys for William Rufus Edwards, wealthy St. Paul Minn., lumberman, under indictment on the charge of violating the Mann act by transporting Miss Ada Cox, a stenographer, to St. Paul, for immoral purposes.

### TREE KILLS LUMBERMAN

ANTIQU, Wis., Dec. 29.—Leon Kulish, an employee of the Fish Lumber company at Kopenick, was instantly killed today by a falling tree. His skull was fractured.

### FOUND DEAD

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 29.—Edward Dryden, aged 63 years, a carriage builder, who formerly lived in Chicago, was found dead in a rooming house today.

### WEATHER

Temperatures yesterday:  
High, 24.  
Low, 24.  
Precipitation, .04.  
Forecast for La Crosse and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; cold wave tonight; continued low temperature Wednesday.

For Wisconsin: Unsettled with snow this afternoon and probably near lakes tonight; cold wave tonight; Wednesday fair with colder east portion; northwest gales diminishing Wednesday morning.

For Minnesota: Fair and colder tonight with cold wave east portion; Wednesday probably fair; warmer west portion; high northwest winds diminishing.

For Iowa: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; cold wave tonight; rising temperature Wednesday west portion; northwest gales diminishing.

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### The Charges

The formal charges filed against Wermuth follow:

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### SAYS WM. WERMUTH USED HIS GARAGE FOR A ROADHOUSE

"Smoked Cigarettes, Drank Beer and Hugged Women," Says Formal Charge Filed

### OTHERS INVOLVED IN INTERVIEW

Claims That Patrolmen Gathered in Shop with Office Boy to Watch the Police Light

### "COPPERS" LIKED THE JOY-RIDERS

Complainant Tells of Alleged Instance When One Was Near Arrest by Another Policeman

A police expose which will rival anything of its kind ever seen in La Crosse is promised by Joseph Hirt, former head of the Parker-Hirt Auto company, who today filed with the police and fire commission formal charges of misconduct against Night Patrolman William Wermuth.

That Wermuth on numerous occasions frequented his garage, at the time located on Front and Main streets, with women of low character, that he would sit for hours with his arms about them, smoking cigarettes and drinking beer, are a few of the allegations against Wermuth.

While Wermuth is the only patrolman named in the charges filed Hirt says that he has evidence that involves other members of the night force and that it is of a highly sensational character.

Police Scout Charges  
Although Chief of Police John Webber was not in the city today, it may be said on authority that the police take the position that Hirt is angry because of a police order moving his night stand from North Third street, and that he is "playing for even." Captain Lawrence Dugan said today that he does not credit Hirt's charges.

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## GREAT Pre-Inventory SALES

**Sweeping Out the Winter Goods at Slaughter Prices**

We will not go into any farther detail; will only say you can buy any Suit, Coat or Dress in our splendid stock at the following reductions:

Any Cloth Suit, Coat or Dress that sold at \$5.00, \$6.75, \$7.00 or \$7.50, now only	<b>\$3.95</b>	Any Cloth Suit, Coat or Dress that sold at \$17.50, \$18.50, \$20.00, \$25.00 or \$30.00, now only	<b>\$15.95</b>
Any Cloth Suit, Coat or Dress that sold at \$7.75, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$10.00 or \$11.00, now only	<b>\$4.95</b>	Any Cloth Suit, Coat or Dress that sold at \$32.50, \$35.00, \$37.50 or \$40.00, now only	<b>\$20.95</b>
Any Cloth Suit, Coat or Dress that sold at \$12.50, \$13.50, \$14.00 or \$15.00, now only	<b>\$7.95</b>	Any Cloth Suit, Coat or Dress that sold at \$42.50, \$45.00, \$47.50 or \$50.00, now only	<b>\$25.95</b>
Any Cloth Suit, Coat or Dress that sold at \$55.00 to \$85.00, now only	<b>\$42.95</b>		

## 25% OFF ON ALL FURS and FUR COATS

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For this week only we will sell our stock of Table Mats at these greatly reduced prices:

\$1.25 Silk and Tapestry Square Mats now	<b>95c</b>	\$6.00 Silk Velvet Runners now	<b>\$5.25</b>
\$2.25 Silk Runners now	<b>\$1.55</b>	\$7.50 Silk Tapestry Runners now	<b>\$5.25</b>
\$2.50 and \$3.00 Tapestry Runners now	<b>\$2.25</b>	\$8.00 Silk Velvet Runners now	<b>\$5.95</b>
\$3.50 Tapestry Runners now	<b>\$2.50</b>		

These are all this season's latest styles and will pay you to investigate.—Third Floor.

The Laurentide company of Quebec, producers of pulp and pulpwood, reforesting its non-agricultural cut-over lands. It is also importing reindeer from Newfoundland, to see if they can take the place of dogs in winter woods work.

**Protect Yourself!**  
AT FOUNTAINS, HOTELS, OR ELSEWHERE  
Get the  
**Original and Genuine**  
**HORLICK'S**  
**MALTED MILK**  
"Others are Imitations"  
The Food Drink for All Ages  
RICH MILK, MALT GRAIN EXTRACT, IN POWDER  
Not in any Milk Trust  
Insist on "HORLICK'S"  
Take a package home

### WEST SALEM MAN IS LONG KNOWN

Jesse J. Johnson Long Known in Community Is Buried by Masons; Leaves Relatives

WEST SALEM, Wis., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Jesse J. Johnson, pioneer and well known resident of La Crosse county, died at his home here recently.

Mr. Johnson was born in Newbury, Vt., in 1839. He remained at home until the age of eighteen, when he went to Boston. In 1857 he was united in marriage to Miss Martha Elizabeth Harden, coming with her to La Crosse in 1862. In 1895, Mr. Johnson and his family moved from their farm to a home in the village of West Salem, and in the intervening years he has become thoroughly identified with the life of the community.

Three children survive, besides the

widow. Three grandchildren and one great grandchild also survive.

**Personals**  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bolles of Houghton, Mich., were guests of Mr. Bolles' mother, Mrs. Garland, and brother Frank and family a few days this week. They returned to their home Wednesday evening.

Walter Dudley of Omaha arrived home Wednesday noon and will spend a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Dudley, and other relatives.

Editor G. W. Garlock, major in the Wisconsin National guard, left the last of the week for Fort Atkinson to spend Christmas with his family. The West Salem orchestra furnished music at the Dudley school Wednesday evening for a Christmas entertainment given by the teacher, Miss Lillian Mau, and her students.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Lawrence and daughter Bertha of La Crosse were entertained at the home of their son Floyd and family on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. John McKinley and Mrs. Lillian Aiken, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Samuels, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Selden and daughter spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Waite at Bangor.

Mrs. Ben Jones of Sparta visited relatives here this week.

Miss Ella Cronk of Onalaska and Mrs. W. J. Phillips of La Crosse were Salem callers the last of the week.

Mrs. Kate Rublee sold her home on Franklin street to Mr. Abel Josted recently.

Miss Flossie Christensen left last Thursday noon for Merrill, where she will spend her Christmas holidays with her parents.

The S. O. B. club has issued invitations for its second annual dancing party to be given at Roberts' hall Monday, December 28, 1914.

Mrs. Florence Samuels is spending a few days this week with her daughter Virginia at Stevens Point.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McDowd and daughter Evelyn, returned recently from an extended visit in Iron River with relatives.

**PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS**  
Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. First application gives relief. 50c.

Only one modern sawmill is operated in the territory of Hawaii.

### How To Make the Quickest, Simplest Cough Remedy

Much Better than the Ready-Made Kind and You Save \$2. Fully Guaranteed

This home-made cough syrup is now used in more homes than any other cough remedy. Its promptness, ease and certainty in conquering distressing coughs, chest and throat colds, is really remarkable. You can actually feel it take hold. A day's use will usually overcome the ordinary cough—relieves even whooping cough quickly. Splendid, too, for bronchitis, spasmodic croup, bronchial asthma and other coughs.

Get from any druggist 2½ ounces of Pinex (50 cents worth), pour it in a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. This gives you—at a cost of only 54 cents—a full pint of better cough syrup than you could buy for \$2.50. Takes but a few minutes to prepare. Full directions with Pinex. Tastes good and never spoils.

You will be pleasantly surprised how quickly it loosens dry, hoarse or tight coughs, and heals the inflamed membranes in a painful cough. It also stops the formation of phlegm in the throat and bronchial tubes, thus ending the persistent loose cough.

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### COUP PLANNED TO CAPTURE WARSAW

German Headquarters Intimates the Trap Is Almost Ready to Be Sprung

**RUSSIANS CLAIM ADVANCES**  
Allege Combined Austro-German Offensive Has Been Turned Into Stubborn Defense

BERLIN, Via The Hague, Dec. 29.—Today's official reports throw little light on the general situation, although minor gains are reported against the Russians in Poland. There it is stated the German lines have been advanced at a number of points on the lower Vistula. Fighting continues southeast of Skierniewitz and between the Pilzta and the Upper Vistula. The weather, however, continues to hamper a general advance, and ground is gained literally by inches.

Intimations are given at headquarters that another important movement is impending in the east. There is an air of great confidence in official circles that a trap will be sprung in the region about Warsaw.

In the west the warm weather of the last few days turned the country into bogs. Frost has again set in and it is expected the fighting soon can be resumed.

In Alsace the French continue vain efforts to advance against Mulhausen. The French attacked near Arras and Verdun but were driven back with enormous losses.

**Tentons on Defense**

PETROGRAD, Dec. 29.—Complete failure has marked the efforts of the Germans to check the Russian advance at half a dozen points on the long battle line, according to the general staff reports. The combined German-Austrian offensive has been turned into a stubborn defense.

The positive declaration was again made today that not only was Warsaw no longer menaced, but that the Austrian-German right wing was in grave danger of being enveloped and crushed as the result of a flanking attack delivered by the army which has been operating against Cracow.

The Austrians tried a flanking movement along the Biala river north of Tarnow, in conjunction with a German force operating to the northward. The movement was reported by Russian airmen. A Russian army of 100,000 men was immediately rushed south and attacked the Austrians, driving a wedge between the two main Austrian armies.

The official reports agree that while the chief German positions are still strongly held, there has been a distinct checking of their initiative and indications are reported a general withdrawal to reserve trenches well in the rear.

**Russians Forced Back**  
VIENNA, Via Wireless to London, Dec. 29.—In an official statement today the Austrian government claims that the Russians have again been forced back after fighting of the fiercest character. The statement says:

"North of the Dukla pass the Austrians have avoided a series of planned Russian attacks and have maintained their original positions. In the neighborhood of the Carpathian ridge and in the plain between Bzura and the Donajec rivers the enemy has delivered a series of fierce attacks, all of which have been repulsed.

"On our south front there has been a few frontier skirmishes with the Servians that have been comparatively unimportant. At Semlin the Servians have been able to blow up a bridge."

### The TRIBUNE'S Daily Short Story

#### TWO UNCLE JOHNS

BY BRYANT C. ROGERS

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An eastbound train had left Chicago an hour behind when an oldish, pleasant-faced man rose up from his seat in one of the coaches, and after a vigorous yawn and uttering a "ho-hum!" he walked down the aisle to scan the faces of his fellow passengers.

He found a kindred spirit in a man about as old as himself, and some of the passengers noticed that they bore a close resemblance.

"Hello!" Have a seat?"

"I don't mind. It's kinder lonesome."

"Mighty lonesome. Goin' somewhere, I take it?"

"Yes, goin' east to see my niece."

"Isn't that odd. Why, I'm goin' east to see my nephew."

"My niece lives in Franklin."

"You don't say. Why, my nephew lives right there, too."

"And my niece has had trouble with her husband and left him."

"Gosh, all hemlock! And my nephew has had trouble with his wife and left her."

"My niece's name is Marshall."

"And so is my nephew's wife's."

"I got a letter tellin' me about it and askin' me to come on."

"Just my case."

"And I read it to my wife and then said: 'I guess I'll have to jog along to Franklin and help Nellie out of her trouble.'"

"And I said the same thing when I got my letter, and now we are on the way there together. I never could believe that the whole swelled Jones until this very minute."

But I shall now believe it the rest of my life, and Dan'll in the lion's den on top of it. What does your niece charge ag'in my nephew?"

"Extravagance."

"Aunt Jiminy! but that's what he charges ag'in her! Say, we've got to have a long talk and see what can be done."

The trouble had come about logically. Britt Hope was a good looking young man. Miss Nellie was a good looking and attractive young girl. They moved in the same set and presently fell in love.

Nothing wrong about that whatever. Falling in love is one of the laws of nature.

Miss Nellie Marshall had a well-off father. Britt Hope was a widow's son and had to care for her.

Mr. Marshall allowed his daughter \$10 a week pin money. Young Mr. Hope earned a salary of \$18 a week.

When Mr. Hope asked Mr. Marshall for his consent the former ought to have asked: "Young man, how can you support her on your salary?"

But he didn't ask it. He knew that it would be a waste of time and breath. The father who does ask it only hurts the young man's feelings by mixing the sordid with the romantic. A bank clerk who is not in love can figure to a hair's breadth. One who is in love refuses to figure at all.

"Why, we can get along splendidly," was the way the lovers put it to each other. If they had been asked to take a pencil and figure up the cost of the sugar and butter and meat they would have felt insulted.

They were married, of course. Then should have come a woodbine cottage, but the rent was too high. The landlords charge \$10 a month for the cottage, and tucked on the other \$15 for the woodbine.

They went to live over a grocery instead. It not only fronted on the main street, but there was a stove-pipe hole in the kitchen floor through which groceries could be ordered right off the ice. Mr. Hope put this forward as an excuse for living there, and all her friends were satisfied.

Mr. Hope had to have his high collars, his games of pool, his cigars and other little extravaganzas, and although the father stopped her pin money, Mrs. Hope went right on in at all.

"Better come right out with me now. The longer you are tied to such a thing as that the worse for you. Who is the best lawyer in town?"

"I—I thought I wouldn't be in any hurry about the divorce, Uncle John."

"But I've got a gal out West picked out for you. Instead of running you in debt she'll help you to make money. Did your wife throw dishes at you and pull hair?"

"No, not as bad as that. Sometimes I think—"

"You think she would have murdered you if you hadn't been on your guard?"

"Why, Uncle John, I couldn't have written you anything to make you

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her career. One evening, after about three months of married happiness, Mr. Hope came home with furrowed brow, and in answer to questions he threw a bill on the table.

"What is that?" he asked.

"Why, the butcher's bill," was answered.

"And that?"

"Our grocer's bill."

"And that?"

"It's the coal bill, isn't it?"

"I should say it was. Nellie, what has become of the money I have given you every week?"

"I have used it."

"And yet these bills show that we are \$50 in debt!"

Of course, the wife cried and there were recriminations and charges and counter-charges, and the god of love flew out of the window, and the grocer's boy heard enough through the stovepipe hole to make him pause and exclaim: "Gee, but I call that going some!"

This was the beginning of a trouble that grew and grew with the passing of time until it became unbearable. Neither the fathers nor the mothers would be drawn into it. The young husband refused to lessen his personal expenses, and, of course, the wife was defiant about it.

Cupid is a curious little critter. He says to a young man: "Here's a fine young girl. Marry her."

He doesn't ask anything about finances or cooking, but when he has made a match of it he goes away patting himself on the back as if he had done a very smart thing.

And when things turn out badly with the cub of a young man and the young girl, both of whom ought to have remained in the nursery at least two years longer, the old folks get out of it by saying: "It has turned out just as might have been expected."

At the end of a year there was a separation, and it was then that the respective Uncle Johns were written to. They had had their talk and laid their plans. When the one Uncle John had come into the presence of Mr. Britt Hope he said:

"Good boy! I was glad to hear of your pluck. You did a very foolish thing in marrying a silly girl like that, but you are not the first to be led astray by a doll's face. They tell me she don't know enough to give a half off the doorstep."

"Oh, Nellie has some good points," was the hesitating reply.

"Well, have you seen a lawyer about your divorce?"

"N-o-o."

"Better come right out with me now. The longer you are tied to such a thing as that the worse for you. Who is the best lawyer in town?"

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"Why, Uncle John, I couldn't have written you anything to make you

think things were as bad as that," said the nephew.

"Oh, you didn't say things right out, but I could fully realize how much you must have suffered. It was awful, awful, Britt; and I am here to make a change for you. When the world knows through the divorce courts just how that fiend of a woman ruined your life it will be more than agast that such things can be."

"Please don't refer to her as a fiend, uncle."

"But how else? To economize all you possibly could, you were wearing paper collars and smoking the cheapest cigars and buying your clothes second-hand, and there she was, going to the moving pictures every afternoon and buying candy by the ton. Oh, the world shall know—it shall know! But, come. We must not lose any time seeing a lawyer."

"Uncle John, I—I—" stammered the nephew.

"Come along and end this awful misery as soon as possible. Why, I'm afraid to leave you alone here for half an hour. You may commit suicide."

"Oh, I shan't do that."

"Well, take a little time and think of all her mean acts and set them down on paper for a lawyer. Don't spare her. She has had no mercy on you. Why, Britt, when I think of how that she-fiend has driven you to the verge of—"

Uncle John had been gone about ten minutes when Mr. Hope clapped on his hat to take a walk. The other Uncle John had been doing his part at the same time. He had begged the wife to get a divorce. He had called her husband a he-fiend that ought to be strung up without mercy, and he had spread it on so thick that the wife had finally said:

"I have come to think that it was as much my fault as Britt's."

"Oh, it couldn't be."

"And I shall be in no hurry about a divorce."

"But try and be placid."

Mrs. Hope pinned on her hat and went walking.

The Hopes met and halted.

"My Uncle John is here from the west," said Mr. Hope.

"So is mine," answered Mrs. Hope. "My Uncle John is an old fool!"

"And so is mine."

And as the two Uncle Johns neared Chicago on the homeward trip one of them said:

"Wall, it worked as easy as grease."

"Sure it did," replied the other.

And then the two old hypocrites winked at each other and shook hands again.

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She Saw a Little Man Sitting at the Foot of Her Bed.

### Daddy's Bedtime Story—Dimple Saw In Sleepyland.

"GO to sleep, now, Dolly, and the king of Sleepyland will come and show you all about," said Dolly's mother as she tucked Dolly Dimple into bed."

Daddy was beginning his usual evening story.

"Dolly Dimple had her dolly, called Rose, in bed with her, so she snuggled down in the pillow with Rose in her arms, and almost before mother had kissed her and left the room Dolly Dimple saw a funny little man sitting upon the foot of her bed."

"He was dressed in red and white, but the red and white wasn't mixed up at all. One side of his cap was red and the other side was white, and the same was true of his coat and his long tight trousers, and, of course, to match the rest of his attire he must have on one long pointed red shoe and one white one."

"He sat there on the bed and wagged his long pointed toes and shook his head as merrily at Dolly Dimple, who sat up in bed and clapped her hands and shouted:

"I know who you are! I know who you are! You are the king of Sleepyland, because mother said you were coming."

"The little fat fellow laughed and shook until the buttons on his funny little jacket that was buttoned up over his round, fat, jolly tummy threatened to burst off."

"That's right, Dolly Dimple, and if you will come with me I will show you a heap of things that are wonderful in my realm of Sleepyland."

"So Dolly Dimple took her doll Rose in her arms and put her hand in the hand of the king of Sleepyland, and they started off."

"They traveled very fast along a dark road until they came to the Crystal palace, which they entered. And then such a sight greeted their eyes! There were oceans of candy, cream and cake and snow white horses upon which little girls and boys were riding, and there were toys of every description. But Dolly Dimple wanted to ride one of the beautiful white horses."

"So the king of Sleepyland put Dolly Dimple, still clasping her doll Rose in her arms, upon the back of a snow white steed, the music began to play and the horse started off."

"But the doll Rose needed one of Dolly's arms, so Dolly couldn't hang on very tightly. Bump, thump, bang! went Dolly Dimple down on the hard floor. But she didn't cry, for as she sat up she awakened, and she was on the nursery floor. She had fallen out of bed in her dream."



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3—Tues, 7,798 18—Wed, 7,786

4—Wed, 7,812 19—Thur, 7,797

5—Thur, 7,782 20—Fri, 7,814

6—Fri, 7,831 21—Sat, 7,808

7—Sat, 7,807 22—Sunday, 7,801

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Notary Public.

EXAMINE

BOTH SIDES

That the proposed semi-annual tax

collection law was actually passed at

the last session of the legislature,

and vetoed by the governor, is a dis-

covery that suggests further con-

sideration of the subject.

This should not be a political

question. The people of all parties

and all factions pay taxes. The ap-

parent advantages would be bestow-

ed upon all alike, and if there are

disadvantages they would be suffer-

ed by all alike. The thing to do is

to find and analyze the objections

raised by the tax commission and

recognized by the governor, and to

determine whether or not they off-

set the conveniences that the pro-

posed change would afford.

CHARITY AT HOME

BEGINS ABROAD

Every now and then some canny

soul, chancing upon an appeal for

aid to prevent the Belgian non-com-

batants from starving, shakes his

head and says, wisely, that so

many are hungry in the United

States that we should reserve our

generosity for home consumption.

Nine times out of ten he clinches

his argument with the old adage

"charity begins at home."

The fact is that generosity toward

the war-refugees has quickened the

sensitiveness of the national heart

toward all suffering. The compas-

sion which Belgium's starving women and children excited moves the generous, awake to the charitable impulse, also to protect the wives and children of the jobless here in America.

It is significant, as having the weight of expert testimony on this point, that the great body of organized charity in this country has made no complaint. Although its resources are facing an unusually heavy demand this winter, organized charity has met the situation without extraordinary appeals to the generous. That hundreds of thousands of dollars has been given to the war sufferers abroad seems not to have impaired the adequacy of funds available for the relief of poverty in our own back-yard.

A woman executive of one of the country's largest philanthropies summed up the situation recently. She said: "This arousing of the national impulse to relieve distress, brought about by repeated appeals for assistance for Belgium, is a good thing for organized charity. The old adage would be more truthful to present conditions if it read 'Charity at home begins abroad.'"

## LET VILLAGES JOIN PROTEST

The merchants of La Crosse will voice earnest protest against the action of the C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co. in abandoning No. 2, the 8:30 p. m. local, east bound.

This is the train that enables visitors from West Salem, Bangor and other towns this side of Sparta to return home at a seasonable hour. The 11 p. m. passenger on this road makes no stop this side of Sparta, and is too late to serve the purpose of the abandoned train.

The resulting inconvenience is bound to have a disastrous effect on the trade of local merchants, and deprives neighboring villages of a valuable advantage. Under the new time schedule, the 11:05 Northwestern will be their only means of returning. The Northwestern service is not the best in the world, and the hour is unreasonable.

Fortunately the new schedule did not go into effect in time to interrupt the holiday trade. However, that is small boon, for the patronage over this line was a week in, week out custom that will be immediately and continuously missed.

We suggest that for their own protection the people of the villages that suffer by the new arrangement join with the La Crosse civic bodies in making the protest too strong to overlook. As the most favored railroad entering La Crosse, the Milwaukee can not remain deaf to an appeal so reasonable as the plea that No. 2 be restored.

May not one expect that the unknown insurance man who told the interesting tale about the state normal insurance either will crush Commissioner Ekern with facts and figures or acknowledge his error? Yes, one may not.

Of the huddles who swear off smoking New Years we hazard the guess that ninety-five per cent received a box of cigars for a Christmas present from wife.

The aphorism that anticipation is better than realization is endorsed by the London gentry who live in fear of an aerial bomb landing in the ham and eggs.

In Europe women's gowns will no longer button up the back—the buttons have all gone to the front.

The flower of the army is always masculine—made up of he-rose.

## Quips and Cranks and Wanton Wiles

A New Year's Lay  
(With Asides.)  
'Tis now the joyous New Year's time,  
The panes are etched with pens of  
rime.  
(Alas! that one so young as I  
Should lend myself to such a lie!  
Alas! that truth should be defied,  
When both the windows at my side,  
Though screened by wire, are open  
wide.)

The air is rent by sleet and hail,  
The snow is deep on hill and dale.  
('Tis hard to think that this is  
true,  
When grass is green and skies are  
blue,  
But think it true a poet must,  
Though every wanton, wayward gust  
Increase his table's coat of dust.)

The yawning grate with flame's  
aglow,  
The walls are green with mistletoe.  
(And yet upon the street without  
I hear the melon huckster's shout,  
And as I toil to earn a check  
My collar stiff becomes a wreck,  
And beads of sweat run down my  
neck.)

The singing wires are harped, I  
ween,  
By frosty fingers all unseen.  
(Another fib for which I'm paid.  
In fact, it's ninety in the shade;  
But art demands the early bird,  
And New Year lays can't be defer-  
red—  
I'm laying this on August third.)

Cause for Damages  
"Say, Tom," said Jack, "did you  
know that Bill was going to sue the  
company for damages?"

"No, you don't say!" was the an-  
swer. "What did they do to him?"

"Why," explained Jack, "they  
blew the quitin' whistle when 'e was  
carryin' a heavy piece of iron, and  
'e dropped it on 'is foot."

Safety First  
Small Boy (in awed tones)—Pa,  
do you know, I looked into the parlor  
just now and what do you think I  
saw?

Father—Can't guess, my boy.  
Small Boy—Why, Sister Polly was  
sitting on the piano stool and her  
young man was kneeling in front of  
her holding her hands like glue.

Father—Ah, sensible young fellow  
that. He was holding her hands to  
prevent her playing the piano.—  
Houston Post.

Rube's Cavern  
A young man who needed false  
teeth wrote to a dentist ordering a  
set as follows:  
"My mouth is three inches across,  
five-eighths inches threw the jaw.  
Some hummocky on the edge. Shaped  
like a hosseshew, toe forward. If  
you want me to be more particular,  
I shall have to come thar."

Case is Hopeless  
At a county fair in a small inland  
city several hundred men were en-  
gaged in holding down a large bal-

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loos which was rapidly being in-

flated with hot air. The smallest man  
of the lot looked about him nervously,  
and then yelled at the top of his  
voice:

"Hey, come and take my place,  
somebody. I've got to go."  
No one paid any attention to him.  
A few moments later the little man  
bawled:

"If somebody don't come and take  
my place right away, I'm going to let  
the old thing go up!"—Judge.

Her Mistake  
The determined looking woman at  
the door scarcely waited for the  
tramp to explain why he had called.  
"Yes," she said, "I might manage  
to give you something to eat if you  
will saw and chop a good pile of  
stove wood and bring in a few buck-  
ets of water and clean up the back  
yard and fix up the front fence."

"Madam," replied he, "I'm only a  
hungry wayfarer. I ain't yer hus-  
band."

A Discrimination  
Bobbie (reading from a book to his  
little sister)—Upon her knees the  
poor victim prayed for mercy, but  
the merciless knife of the slayer de-  
scended—

The Rev. Goode (who has just cal-  
led)—Brother Downs, how does it  
happen that you allow your children  
to read those cheap, trashy novels?

Mr. Downs—Why, that is your  
recent book on "Missionary Life in  
Turkey."

The Rev. Goode—A-h!

McGOORTY MEETS MURRAY.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 29.—Eddie  
McGoorty, who disputes Jimmy Clab-  
by's claim to the middleweight title,  
will meet Billy Murray of San Fran-  
cisco here on January 6. It was an-  
nounced today. The weight will be  
160 pounds at three o'clock.

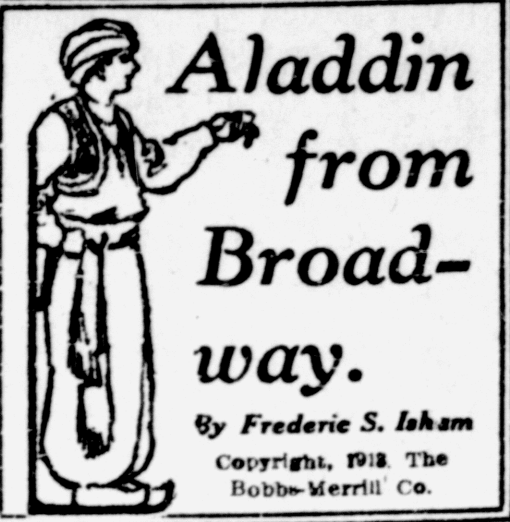
SOCIETY LIKES ITS OPERA EXCLUSIVE

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Society's  
elite like grand opera only when  
high prices keep the common  
herd away, according to Milton  
and Sargeant Aborn, general  
managers of the Century Opera  
company. The Aborns today  
blamed this attitude of wealthy  
folk for the suspension of the  
Century's season at the Auditor-  
ium. Here are a few other  
similar reasons why popular  
prices and opera in English fail,  
according to the Aborns:

Only ten per cent of the elite  
really like operas, the rest at-  
tend as a social function.

Many persons attend opera  
only to compare clothes.

Aristocrats do not attend op-  
era in English because they  
might understand too much of it.



Aladdin from Broadway.

"Come in," said Stanton, with the  
manners of a host. At that moment  
he felt no special enmity against the  
other. The mischief had been done.  
No use kicking against the pricks. A  
man who has lost sometimes ex-  
periences a gentle magnanimity to-  
ward the world, even for his enemies  
therein. Perhaps the emotion bears  
some relation to "that tired feel-  
ing."

CHAPTER XXII.

One Way.

Sadi would have obeyed the other's  
invitation, but not in the man-  
ner it was extended. He showed a  
disposition to behave like unto the  
proverbial bull in the china shop. He  
looked as if he wanted to toss things  
around, Stanton included. Indeed, he  
started forward to do so, then sud-  
denly stopped. Stanton stifled a  
yawn.

"Good!" he said. "Too small a  
place to muss around in! Might de-  
stroy some of the bric-a-brac."

The saddler looked at him; or  
rather, at a small glittering object  
Stanton had, at the last moment, in-  
sisted upon the players giving him  
for good measure—a mere trifle  
from one of the magic bundles that  
had contained a small armament of  
cheap weapons. That little plaything  
Stanton now handled carelessly. It  
had occurred to him it might serve  
for moral effect in certain exigen-  
cies. One such exigency was now.

For how was Sadi to know it was a  
stage property, that it wasn't  
loaded, and maybe wouldn't have  
gone off if it had been, or if it had  
been and had gone off, it would  
probably have blown up the shooter?

The saddler paused with an ugly  
grimace that did not improve the  
appearance of his somewhat battered  
countenance. Stanton waved the  
weapon.

"Go away," he said nonchalantly.  
"Or if you must remain, don't get  
boisterous."

Sadi glowered. When a man waits  
for you in your own house, he does  
so, of course, but for one purpose.  
And when the intruder told him to  
go away, he implied that he prefer-  
red to shoot him through the back.

It would be safer, and was the favor-  
ite mode of assassination. Sadi re-  
fused though to turn around; he pre-  
ferred to be shot in front. Cowardice  
was not one of his weaknesses. Per-  
haps if the first bullet didn't strike  
home, he might manage to slit the  
other's throat. He breathed a pious  
request to Allah, the Compassionate,  
that this gentle wish might come  
true. Stanton was contemplating him  
now in a far-away, non-anxious man-  
ner that implied disconcerting con-  
fidence in his weapon and his ability  
to cope with the situation.

"Why did you have to intrude?"  
he asked reproachfully.

The tremendous effrontery of the  
question seemed to stagger Sadi. He  
looked around on his own household  
goods, his own wares, the result of  
his own toil, and doubts began to  
flitter in his brain. Was the fellow  
a madman, or an offshoot of the  
devil, one of those black spirits that  
dwell in the chain of mountains  
called Kaf? Certainly enough mis-  
chief had followed in the wake of  
this mustahall to justify the belief  
he might be one of those denizens  
from the cavernous depths who, ac-  
cording to tradition, visits cities and  
homes, just to create dissensions, and  
—yes, make love to other men's  
wives with a felicity that is more  
human than superhuman.

Instinctively Sadi murmured the  
mystical "destoor," the two syllables  
that are always efficacious with  
spirits and never fail to cause them  
to evaporate. But still the other did  
not vanish from his fireside, or the  
side of his brazier. That, at least,  
was reassuring. Besides, a spirit  
wouldn't have to borrow clothes  
from poor strollers; he could just  
will himself to look any part he  
pleased, from beggar to heart-break-  
er. The saddler did fear spirits; hav-  
ing established in his own mind that  
his visitor was not one, his courage  
revived rapidly.

"What do you want?" he now de-  
manded savagely. Of course he knew

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what the other wanted—he wanted him. But he asked the question, any-how.

"I don't want anything now," an-  
swered the visitor gently.

The saddler's brain juggled with  
this reply. He couldn't make any-  
thing of it. That annoyed him.

"I did want something," went on  
the other. "But there's no use crying  
for the moon!"

More mystification! Sadi opened  
and closed his big fists aggressively.  
Stanton, behind that careless man-  
ner, now watched him narrowly.

"Ten shots, half a second delivery!"  
he murmured, apostrophizing his  
weapon. "The burglar's antipathy! That's what it's called in the adver-  
tisements." His cheerful eyes yet  
held Sadi at a distance. But they  
wouldn't long; nor the weapon,  
either! The saddler was hesitating;  
his face was dark as a thundercloud.  
The other felt it coming—Sadi  
would call his play.

"What have you done with her?"  
now burst from him aggressively.

"Suppose we leave the lady out of  
the question! And now"—as well get  
it over—"what is it to be, peace or  
war? Up to you to decide. I was go-  
ing when you came."

"Oh, you were?" With brutal in-  
credulity. "You weren't waiting for  
me, then?"

"No, my friend! And even now,  
though I might slay you as a sheep  
at the sacrifice, I will spare you if  
you will be good!"

"Perhaps you weren't expecting  
me?" Sadi's eyes shone with low  
cunning.

"I did not expect the pleasure,"  
stifling a yawn, real or affected. "I  
did not come to get you, but it, You,  
as an individual, are nothing to me."

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 29.—Thirteen  
tons of cotton arriving here from  
America on the liner Sommseldyk,  
is enroute to Vient, for the  
wounded of Austria. The cotton  
reaching Rotterdam on the Sommseldyk  
is that sent to Vienna in re-  
sponse to the appeal of William G.  
Shepherd, United Press staff cor-  
respondent, who first told of the ter-  
rible conditions in the hospital there.

POMB WRECKS TEMPLE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Louis  
Vavra dropped



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## BRYAN TRIED TO BREAK GAME LAW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Secretary of State Bryan locked his peace treaties in his desk Christmas morning, took down his shotgun and declared war on rabbits. He hunted many miles through knee-deep snow in the Virginia hills and then came back, without a single cotton-tail. He had not seen even a rabbit track. He was horrified to learn on his return to Washington today that his ill luck as a hunter was all that prevented his being a law breaker. He did not know there was a law in Virginia forbidding rabbit hunting while there is snow on the ground. "I am glad to say that I returned

## CLARKE'S DAUGHTER ENGAGED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Miss Genevieve Clark, daughter of the speaker, was showered with congratulations today, upon the announcement of her engagement to James M. Thomson, publisher of the New Orleans Item. The wedding will take place in the spring at the Clark home at Bowling Green, Mo., following adjournment of congress. If all the proposed railroads were built there wouldn't be room for a single potato patch from Maine to California.

## CONVENTION FORCES BESIEGE TUXPAM

Villa Troops Make Their First Appearance on the Mexican East Coast

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Investment of Tuxpam, the most important seaport on the coast of Mexico, between Vera Cruz and Tampico, has been begun by a strong Villa force which on Christmas day defeated the constitutionalists in San Luis Potosi, according to an official dispatch to the state department this afternoon from Tuxpam.

The movement against Tampico, which followed the victory in San Luis Potosi, apparently has been abandoned. Arrival of the Villa forces at Tuxpam marked the first appearance of peace convention troops on the Mexican east coast, and is regarded as a notable advance in the general movement against Vera Cruz.

My idea of no sort of a hero is a man who will go to war and leave his wife to support eight or ten children.

## FIRST USE OF RESINOL STOPS TERRIBLE ITCH

Jan. 27, 1914: "I suffered over eight years with eczema. It started in one little place and kept spreading until it covered my hands. My hands looked like they had been burned by fire and peeled off in large pieces until they were only raw flesh. I was told it was eczema. It itched and burned me so that I could not sleep at night. I tried all sorts of eczema salves and one prescription after another but nothing gave me any relief until I tried Resinol Soap and Resinol Ointment, and after the first application my hands never itched or burned again, and were well in one week. I want every sufferer from eczema to know that they can find a cure in Resinol." (Signed) Miss Ethel Scott, Milledale, Ga.

Physicians have prescribed Resinol for nineteen years, for all sorts of skin troubles, pimples, dandruff, sores, ulcers, burns, etc. Every druggist sells Resinol Ointment and Resinol Soap.

## GOOD CONDUCT OF PUPILS CREDITED

Students Show Rivalry in Striving for Moral Credits in Public Schools

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 29.—School credit for personal habits—that is the unique experiment being worked out in the rural schools of Memphise county for the first time in any public school in the United States.

The idea originated with Jesse Hubbard, commissioner of schools, having been placed in vogue when the present school term opened. Every student in the schools of the county is graded by the teacher according to habits, both hygienic and moral, and both in and out of school, and the standings are marked on the student's report card, in register and on annual report, the same as any one of his studies.

Plan Works Out Well That the idea is working out successfully is evidenced by the fact that the pupils are taking an interest in their work at home, as well as in hygiene and morals.

## TURKS MARCH TO MEET THE BRITISH

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 29.—Mohamed Ali Bey, the Syrian deputy, is marching with 5,000 volunteers against the British who are said to be advancing against Baghdad, according to Constantinople reports reaching here today.

The Turkish reports tell of an enthusiastic demonstration in Damascus where the holy standard of the prophet was carried through the city. The Muslims and the military commander of Damascus met the standard and the garrison was marched past, each man saluting the holy banner.

## RUSSIANS REPORT ARMENIA SLAUGHTER

PETROGRAD, Dec. 29.—Only thirty men of the population of Bishkara escaped from the Armenian town following a massacre there ordered by the Turkish commander upon the approach of Russian troops, according to stories told by fugitives from the war region today. Old men, women and children were slaughtered, it is declared.

## NORTH SIDE

### J. J. LA RUE IS NEW I. O. F. HEAD

La Crosse Court No. 994 Elects at Meeting Held in Woodmen Hall Monday

Officers for the ensuing year were elected at a meeting of La Crosse court, No. 994, Independent Order of Foresters, held last night at Woodman hall, Rose and St. James street. J. J. La Rue was elected chief ranger, succeeding Martinus Lauman. Frank Geisenheimer was re-elected vice chief ranger.

The result of the election follows: Chief ranger, J. J. La Rue; vice chief ranger, Frank Geisenheimer; past chief ranger, Martinus Lauman; recording secretary, Charles Simcock; financial secretary and treasurer, J. G. Dubraks; orator, Irvin Bunn; senior woodward, Elwin Rang; junior woodward, N. G. Hellsapple; senior beadle, Charles Rimmert; junior beadle, Ben Reihl; court deputy, T. J. Hadgraft; court physician, George W. Lueck; trustees, Elwin Rang, Frank Groeschner.

### MRS. FRED WILL TO ENTERTAIN

Mrs. Fred Will entertained Friday evening at a six o'clock dinner at her home, 303 Caledonia street, in honor of her daughter, Mrs. William Fackler of Minneapolis. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Manke and daughter Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Witzke and daughter Marjorie, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bauch and sons Edward and Ronald, Mr. and Mrs. William Fackler, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Will, the Misses Rose and Minnie Will and John Mekvold.

### TRAFFIC TIED UP

Westbound traffic on the Milwaukee was held up for several hours early this morning by a freight derailment at Pewaukee, fifteen miles west of Milwaukee about one o'clock. Train No. 57, due here at 4 o'clock, was delayed five hours. The Olympian, due here at 6:15, arrived shortly after nine o'clock.

## MAX FIGMAN

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## North Side Briefs

O'Neil Shoe Store. Socks and Mitts Francis Keaveney, 527 Caledonia street, will leave tomorrow for St. Louis for a week's visit with friends and relatives.

William Peters has returned to his home in St. Paul after spending Christmas with friends and relatives on the north side.

Chester Vllaquette and family have removed from their home, Charles and Clinton streets, to West Salem.

Harold Peters, Osseo, spent Christmas with relatives on the north side. Miss Clara Griffin, Fort Wayne, Ind., is visiting at the home of Mrs. E. Holmes, 1342 Charles street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayes and children have returned to their home, 1411 George street, after a visit with relatives and friends in Savanna. Miss Alice Riley, 1502 Wood street, will leave tonight for Chicago for a few days' visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Ida Matz has returned to her home in Galesville after a visit with relatives and friends on the north side.

Rev. Ambrose Murphy, 1032 Caledonia street, is spending a few days in Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Knox, 1352 Charles street, have returned to their home after a visit with relatives and friends in Galesville.

Miss Gladys O'Leary, Hokah, is the guest of Miss Pearl Holmes, 1342 Charles street.

Fred Nicolay, St. Paul, is spending a few days at his home, 1833 Wood street.

Miss Mary Ryan has returned to her home in Caledonia after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ryan, 914 Gillette street.

Mrs. A. E. Sprowl, St. Paul, has returned to her home after spending the holidays at the home of D. C. Fendergast, 1415 Gillette street.

Mrs. Fendergast accompanied her home.

Mrs. J. M. Harville and daughter, Cassville, are visiting at the home of Miss Vera Bunce, 1113 Caledonia street.

Mrs. M. A. Gibson and daughter Eunice, 609 Avon street, are visiting relatives at St. Paul.

The Misses Alice and Grace Mowry have returned to their home, 708 Caledonia street, after spending Sunday with relatives at Ettrick.

Mrs. Mary E. Bunce, 1113 Caledonia street, is spending a few days with relatives at St. Paul.

T. W. Riley, 1502 Wood street, left last night for Chicago to attend the funeral of O. N. Terry.

The Misses Vera and Vesta Hig-

bee have returned to their home after spending Sunday with friends at Ettrick. Mr. and Mrs. William Fackler of Minneapolis are visiting at the home of Mrs. Fred Will, 303 Caledonia street.

## CELEBRATE THEIR ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Greene, 1336 Charles street, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding at a six o'clock dinner Sunday evening. Covers were laid for twenty-eight. The dining room was decorated in red and white. Mr. and Mrs. Greene were presented with a number of gifts.

## Dumplings

For Soups, Stews and Fricasseed Chicken

Left overs of roast lamb, veal or beef, the cheaper cuts of fresh meats, and fowls too old for roasting, make delicious and nourishing stews. K C Dumplings make them doubly attractive and the whole dish is most economical—an object to most families while meats are so high and must be made to go as far as possible.

## K C Dumplings

By Mrs. Nevada Briggs, the well known baking expert.

2 cups flour; 3 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder; 1/2 teaspoonful salt; 1/2 cup shortening; milk or cream.

Sift together three times, the flour, baking powder and salt; into this work the shortening and use cream or milk to make a dough less stiff than for biscuits.



Allow the stew to boil down so that the liquid does not cover the meat or chicken. Add half a cup of cold water to stop its boiling and drop the dough in large spoonfuls on top of the meat or chicken. Cover and let boil again for 15 minutes.

Made with K C Baking Powder and steamed in this way, dumplings are as light as biscuits and are delicious with thickened gravy.

This recipe is adapted from one for Chicken Pot Pie in "The Cook's Book" by Janet McKenzie Hill, editor of the Boston Cooking School Magazine. The book contains 90 excellent recipes for things that are good to eat and that help reduce the cost of living.

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## NORTHCLIFFE SAYS GERMANY IS BEATEN

(Continued from Page One.)

Japanese attack upon in the Pacific  
Americans are well aware of the  
of the English navy, and they know  
that for the years it has been friend-  
ly to them. Any Japanese that I  
have been acquainted with was con-  
vinced of the latent power of the  
Americans. They know that Amer-  
icans, like the English, are gener-  
ally unprepared for war, but that  
being once aroused, they will carry  
their war to the finish.

It is no doubt disappointing to  
English and American business men  
to learn that there are people who  
regard this struggle as a matter of years rather  
than months, but from the point of view  
of the world should be rid of this  
war to have some sort of patched  
up peace, by treaty or compromise  
which would merely allow the Ger-  
mans to fall back for another spring  
Machine Lacking Brains

We have been extraordinarily de-  
cent in Great Britain about war, a  
patient that numbers of our people  
had begun to think that the day of  
war was over. The Kaiser and his  
cavalry agent, Prince Henry, during  
the members of our government,  
diplomats, business men, univer-  
sity professors in both our countries  
and, of course, while he perfected this  
machine of his. Some of his satis-  
factions really persuaded themselves  
that this military monster of a war  
engine was an engine of peace. Un-  
fortunately the German army and  
the present German government  
have produced no Bismarck, no Von  
Moltke, no Von Roon. It is a such  
organization, with no brains at the  
top. A Bismarck would have known  
that Canada would have rushed to  
the help of the mother country with  
its material and money. A Bismarck  
would have heard at least the  
strong friend among the neutrals.  
The German soldiers have  
proven themselves possessed of in-  
different courage and the story of the  
death of Admiral Von Spee and his  
two sons in the battle off the Pa-  
land islands has aroused, I am sure,  
almost as much sympathy in Ger-  
many as in Germany. The allies are  
loves worthy of their steel and the  
fine flower of England will be sent  
forth against the war lord in all of  
France, Belgium, Russia, Serbia,  
Montenegro and Japan with an in-  
fection and enthusiasm by the mil-  
lions and sisters of England, but with  
the same determination that on  
Trafalgar and Waterloo a century  
back.

## MASONS AND O. E. S. INSTALL OFFICERS

At a special meeting last evening  
held at the Masonic temple, new of-  
ficers for Frontier Lodge No. 47,  
and for the Order of Eastern Star  
were installed. B. F. Keeler, grand  
master of Wisconsin, presided fol-  
lowing administering of the Olla-  
tion to the officers of Frontier  
Lodge, the Eastern Star held its in-  
stallation. The ceremony was well  
attended. At the close a dinner was  
served.

## PERSONALS

B. A. Yeomen card party Tues.  
2:30. Six prizes. Dance 9 p. m.  
Howard Telleys is spending the  
Christmas holidays with friends in  
Minneapolis.

Miss Grace Hildreth, 220 North  
Twenty-second street, underwent an  
operation for appendicitis at the La  
Crosse hospital yesterday. She is  
recovering.

Miss Laura Sullivan returned to  
the city last night after spending  
Christmas with her mother at Coler-  
aine, Minnesota.

The winter term of the Keefe  
Business College, Fourth and Pearl  
streets, will begin Jan. 5, 1915. Best  
school, lowest tuition, up-to-date  
methods. Enroll now and receive  
special advantages. Call, phone or  
write for further information.

Miss Ada Ganschow, physical di-  
rector of the Y. W. C. A., left for a  
week's visit at her home at Wells,  
Minnesota.

Miss Frances Goodhue has return-  
ed from a visit with relatives at Chi-  
cago.

Drummond will repair your watch-  
es, clocks and jewelry. 522 State.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Infield, Bosco-  
bel, were visitors with friends in La  
Crosse yesterday.

Albert Piskl, Bangor, Wis., spent  
yesterday at a local hotel.  
T. E. Kjos and wife of Rushford,  
Minn., transacted business in La  
Crosse yesterday.

The La Crosse & Southeastern  
Railway Company will continue to  
run their popular Sunday excursions  
during this winter between all sta-  
tions at the same low rates and  
same train schedules.

H. S. Craig, and wife, Rushford,  
were visitors in La Crosse yesterday.  
T. A. Mason, Moorhead, Minn.,  
was a visitor in the city with rela-  
tives and friends yesterday.

E. J. Malsberger, Brownsville, was  
a business visitor in La Crosse yester-  
day.

Don't miss F. R. A. holiday ball  
Wed., Dec. 30. A Christmas novelty.  
J. J. White and wife here yester-  
day from Waukon, Ia.

O. R. Andres of Norwalk, Wis.,  
spent yesterday at a local hotel while  
visiting friends and transacting  
business.

C. J. Gemmill, Baraboo, Wis.,  
spent yesterday in La Crosse on a  
business visit.

Dance at Linker hall Jan. 1. Ad-  
mission 50c couple; extra lady 25c.  
L. M. Ristey, Otto Blehrud and G.  
M. Guburd, Spring Grove, Minn.,  
were business visitors in La Crosse  
yesterday.

C. C. Preston, Daniel Smith, Fred  
Brushel and Michael Micholte of  
Oshkosh, Wis., spent yesterday at a  
local hotel while transacting busi-  
ness.

Hack calls day and night. Gateway  
City Transfer Co. Phone 179.  
G. H. Wilsey was a business caller  
in the city yesterday from Prosper,  
Minn.

William Schubert, Independence,  
Wis., spent yesterday at a local  
hotel.

## JACK TRINOR IN "WATCH YOUR STEP"

Halton's Powell's Big Musi-  
cal Comedy Surprise  
to Be at Majestic  
Theater

In Halton Powell's big musical  
comedy surprise, "Watch Your Step,"  
Jack Trainor plays the same type of  
a jolly middle-aged German, a type  
he was so long identified with in  
"Henpecked Henry," the musical  
comedy he made famous from coast  
to coast. This season Mr. Powell  
has surrounded Trainor with the best  
company he has ever had and the  
musical part of the show will vie  
with any of the Broadway attrac-  
tions.

"Watch Your Step" will be the  
attraction at the Majestic theater for  
three days, commencing Thursday  
matinee.

## CHURCH NOT FOR SUNDAY

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Billy Sun-  
day, baseball evangelist, probably  
will not conduct campaign in Chic-  
ago. He said the Third Presbyterian  
church, one of the largest in the  
city, must join in the invitation. Ac-  
cording to Rev. Martin D. Hardin,  
the Third Presbyterian "has other  
plans for the coming year."

while in Wisconsin we elect town  
treasurers in each town who collect  
the taxes of their respective towns.  
You should have stated further that  
the county treasurers in Minnesota  
appoint deputies through the coun-  
ties that handle the collections. For  
example, if we adopted the Minne-  
sota law the county treasurer of La  
Crosse county would appoint the  
Bank of Holmen, one of the banks at  
Bangor, the bank at Onalaska, one of  
the stores at Mindoro and one of the  
stores at St. Joseph's Ridge, leaving  
the tax rolls with the respective de-  
puties for two weeks in the month of  
May and two weeks in the month of  
November. I would like to know  
how much this would inconvenience  
the rural taxpayer over the present  
system. As a matter of fact it would  
facilitate very much over the present  
method. Besides this new system  
would no doubt be cheaper than the  
town treasurer plan.

Summing up, Mr. Editor, it ap-  
pears to me that the government of  
Wisconsin belongs to the people. Our  
representatives are our servants and  
not our masters, and any law that  
has in its effects benefits, without  
the semblance of harm to a single  
citizen should merit the support of  
every legislator regardless of political  
or factional differences.

Let's put it up to Governor Phil-  
ipp.

Very respectfully yours,  
W. E. BARBER.

To all my friends and customers

## A HAPPY NEW YEAR

I wish sincerely the New Year will  
bring you Health, Wealth and Joy,  
each without wings!

CHAS. BEYSCHLAG,  
Druggist, 503 Main St.

## SOCIETY

### ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. John Nack, South  
Tenth street, entertained at a din-  
ner Sunday evening. The rooms were  
decorated with Christmas greens. A  
handsome tree lighted with tiny  
lights, and filled with Christmas or-  
naments and pretty gifts, was the  
center of attraction. The guests  
were Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Berward,  
Mr. George Sokolik, Mr. and Mrs.  
Michael Hetzeneker, the Misses  
Bertha and Viola Berward, Freda  
Nack, Irvine Schnick, Mrs. Millie  
Schnick, Master R. Berward, Leo  
Nack and Mr. and Mrs. John Nack.

### BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Miss Frances Poellinger was pleas-  
antly surprised last evening by a few  
of her friends, the occasion being  
her twentieth birthday. Music and  
games were enjoyed during the eve-  
ning. Refreshments were served at  
a late hour. Those present were  
Misses Frances, Mayme and Eliza-  
beth Poellinger, Barbara, Anna and  
Margarette Ott, Anna and Matilda  
Dummer, Marie Weston, Lillian  
Wsetecka, Agnes Zemlicka, Emma  
and Anna Horschak.

### SOCIAL BRIEFS

Mrs. David Austin who spent the  
Christmas holidays with her daugh-  
ter, Mrs. C. D. Hill and family, in  
Chicago, returned home last evening.  
The Assembly will give its annual  
New Year's dance tomorrow evening  
at the Masonic temple.  
Miss Adelaide Heribron of Seattle,  
Wash., has returned with Miss Laura  
Cunningham from Smith at North-  
ampton, and will be her guest during  
the Christmas vacation.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jaques of Po-  
mona, Cal., are visiting friends in  
the city.

## THE PARK (Old Y. M. C. A.) TONIGHT

One of the best shows you  
have ever seen here. We  
have union musicians and  
union operator.

Your money back if not  
satisfied.

## LA CROSSE THEATRE TONIGHT

FREE admission to children  
under 12, with the parent's  
paid admission, to see

"HOME SWEET HOME"  
in six reels. Bring the fam-  
ily. Emil Niemeyer will sing  
the old but beautiful song  
from which this picture was  
made. Our prices 5c and 10c.

Wednesday and Thursday  
"The Prisoner of Zenda"

A five reel Famous Players  
masterpiece, with James K.  
Hackett.

## DREAMLAND

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY  
1. "THE KIDNAPPED HEIRESS"  
In 3 Parts. A good detective drama  
2. NEARLY AN ARTIST  
A Good Comedy

## THE DOME

TODAY ONLY  
1. Telf Johnson in THE HOUSE ON  
THE HILL. In two parts.  
2. CARMELITA'S REVENGE  
3. Mona Darkfeather in GREY  
EAGLE'S REVENGE

## THE CASINO

"THE ORDEAL"  
A Five Reel Feature. That is a  
SECOND SEALED ORDERS. A  
Feature worth while. Today on-  
ly. Regular Prices.

## THE CASINO

ALL SEATS ARE RESERVED  
and they are going fast. 300 sold  
yesterday. If you want to see  
"NEPTUNE'S DAUGHTER"  
don't wait, get busy RIGHT NOW.

## THE STAR

"THE MYSTERY OF THE  
HINDU IMAGE"  
A splendid two part MAJESTIC  
drama of Oriental magic. The  
black adepts capture the detective.

"CAUGHT IN A FLUE"  
Keystone comedy featuring "Fatty."  
Also a one reel Drama.  
COMING THIS WEEK

"The Bank Burglar's Fate"  
A great feature.

## WE WISH EVERYBODY EVERYWHERE A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

## GOOD VALUES AT ALL TIMES

We have no large stock of shabby or old style goods to offer. We are however  
going to reduce our already low prices of new Fall and Winter Skirts and  
Dresses.

**SKIRTS Divided into 4 Lots at**  
**\$2.49 \$2.98 \$3.98 \$4.98**

**Silk and Wool Dresses Regardless**  
**of Cost at \$3.98, \$4.98, \$6.75**  
**\$7.98 up to \$15.00**

We offer our entire stock of **COATS, SUITS** and **FURS** at ridiculously  
low prices.

## L. D. PEET

419 MAIN STREET

## MUNICIPAL LABOR BUREAU IS URGED

Chicago Market Commis-  
sion Reports on Unem-  
ployment; Wants Corner  
Newstand for Cripples

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—A municipal  
employment bureau "to bring the  
jobless man and the manless job face  
to face," is one of the recommenda-  
tions which will be urged upon the  
city council tonight, when the mu-  
nicipal markets commission will start  
its real fight for municipal insurance  
against unemployment.

The markets commission will urge  
that permits to sell newspapers on  
street corners be granted only to  
maimed and crippled persons who  
could find no other means of employ-  
ment. Reorganization of the state  
employment agencies and the ap-  
pointment of ten prominent business  
men and ten labor men to study the  
problem of unemployment also will  
be urged.

Gary Opens Probe  
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Elbert H  
Gary, as chairman of the mayor's  
committee on unemployment, today  
began an investigation into industrial  
conditions in New York. Assisted by  
seven secretaries of sub-committees,  
Gary made plans to give temporary  
relief to the army of unemployed this  
winter and also to establish a perma-  
nent co-operation with business to  
mitigate future unemployment.

Headquarters have been establish-  
ed in the municipal building. Circular  
letters have been sent out to more  
than two thousand large employers,  
seeking information as to whether  
as many men are being employed  
this winter as a year ago. The letters  
also sought to find out if the pros-  
pects for the immediate future are  
bright.

COCHRANE, WIS.  
COCHRANE, Wis., Dec. 29.—(Spe-  
cial.)—Orlando Ketchum of Pepin,  
spent Christmas at the Christ  
Schweitzer home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hofer and  
children spent Christmas with re-  
latives at Winona, Minn.

Miss Olivia Staak who is employ-  
ed at La Crosse, is spending the  
holidays with her mother.

Herman Zeichert spent Christmas  
with his folks at Fountain City.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. LaDuke of Gil-  
manston were Sunday visitors at the  
G. M. Rohrer home.

Mrs. Ben Schoepf was a Alma vi-  
sitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Florin of Foun-  
tain City, were Sunday visitors with  
their parents here.

Miss Myrtle Schostein of Foun-  
tain City, spent Christmas with her  
folks here.

Miss Daisy Huber of Winona,  
Minn., spent Christmas with her  
mother.

Adolph Staak of Braddock, N. D.,  
is spending the holidays with friends  
and relatives here.

Mrs. Wm. Huth and children of  
East Dubuque, Ill., are spending the  
holidays with relatives here.

Miss Helen Schweitzer is visiting  
friends at Pepin this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Elkamp of  
La Crosse, are spending a few days  
with relatives.

Miss Sarah Staak left for Red  
Wing, Minn., where she is employed.  
Joe Gilberg of La Crosse, was a  
caller in town from Friday until  
Monday.

Vayne La Duke, professor of the  
school here, is spending Christmas  
vacation with his parents at Gilman-  
ton.

"Give me marriage or give me  
death," shouted a Pittsburg girl.  
Pat Henry shouted it just the other  
way.

## PANAMA INCIDENT CONSIDERED CLOSED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The  
Panama neutrality incident is closed.  
British Ambassador Spring-Rice sub-  
mitted to the state department yester-  
day afternoon a correction of the  
previous statement of his govern-  
ment.

Corrected the situation now  
stands: The British collier charged  
with violating neutrality while in  
the harbor of Balboa, did receive by  
wireless a code message from a Brit-  
ish cruiser at Dea. The commander  
of the collier asked the commander  
of the port to transmit this message  
to the British consul at Balboa. This  
the port commander refused to do  
and promptly dismantled the wire-  
less apparatus of the collier. The  
British government submitted this  
data without comment, and it is un-  
derstood there will be no further  
diplomatic discussions.

I ACK AND WHITE  
The Black and White club gave a  
pretty and pleasant dance last eve-  
ning at Elks' hall. A number of the  
young men and women from out of  
the city, who are spending the holi-  
days with friends, were in attend-  
ance.

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"Wet" members chloroformed the  
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## F. R. A. TO GIVE HOLIDAY BALL

One of the big holiday events be-  
ing looked forward to with eager  
anticipation is the F. R. A. holiday  
ball, to be given Wednesday night at  
Linker hall. This is the first big  
dance given this season by the order  
and arrangements are being made to  
outdo all former events. The hall  
will be resplendent with holiday col-  
or, evergreen, etc. A general invita-  
tion is extended to everyone as the  
committees in charge will hold open  
house and dispense Christmas cheer  
and goodwill to all attending. Kreutz's  
orchestra has been engaged to  
furnish the music.

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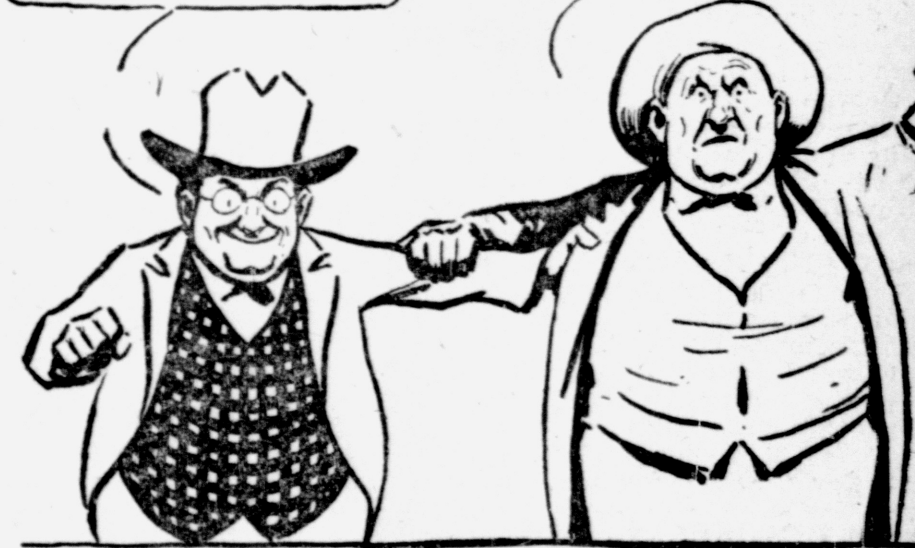
## REFUSE TO LIMIT DANCE-HALL DRINK

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WINNING IN A ROMP!  
LIFE AND STAYING QUALITY  
IS WHAT YOU WANT IN A  
TROTTER HORSE IN A  
CHEW OF TOBACCO!

GOSH DING IT! AND I  
PUT ALL MY MONEY ON  
THAT OLD PLUG.



THE GOOD JUDGE WINS A BET FROM THE POOR JUDGE.

**THE lean horse for the long  
Trace—a small chew of  
"Right-Cut" goes further, lasts  
longer, gives more real comfort  
and satisfaction than the big  
wad of the old kind.**

**Men are glad to tell each other about  
"Right-Cut". Pure, sappy tobacco —  
seasoned and sweetened just enough.**

Take a very small chew—less than one-quarter the  
old size. It will be more satisfying than a mouthful  
of ordinary tobacco. Just nibble on it until you find  
the strength chew that suits you. Tuck it away.  
Then let it rest. See how easily and evenly the real  
tobacco taste comes, how it satisfies without grinding, how  
much less you have to spit, how few chews you take to  
be tobacco satisfied. That's why it is *The Real Tobacco  
Chew*. That's why it costs less in the end.

It is a ready chew, cut fine and short shred so that you won't have  
to grind on it with your teeth. Grinding on ordinary candied tobacco  
makes you spit too much.

One small chew takes the place of two big  
chews of the old kind.

**WEYMAN-BRUTON COMPANY**

50 Union Square, New York

BUY FROM DEALER OR SEND 10¢ STAMPS TO US

It is impossible  
to be strong  
and robust if  
handicapped  
by a weak  
stomach or  
lazy liver; but  
you can help  
Nature conquer  
them with the  
assistance of

**HOSTETTER'S  
STOMACH BITTERS**



# NEPTUNE'S DAUGHTER

The Spectacular EIGHT REEL Production, featuring

## ANNETTE KELLERMAN

"THE PERFECT WOMAN"

### STARTS TOMORROW

ALL SEATS ARE RESERVED FOR ALL SHOWS

50 per cent of the first 200 seats sold when the sale of reserved seats opened was to people who had seen this wonderful production in Chicago or elsewhere, or who had been advised to go by friends who had seen it.

### SEATS NOW ON SALE

One Matinee Daily at 2:30.

Two Shows Each Evening, Starting at 7 and 9.

Admission 25c The Casino Admission 25c

THIS spectacular production showed for 24 weeks at the Fine Arts Theatre, Chicago, and for 30 weeks at the big Globe Theatre, New York City. Tomorrow & Thursday in L a

#### RECOMMEND THAT JUDGES BE SENT TO ALL DISTRICTS

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Juries come high, costing between \$100 and \$200 per day. Why not cut the number of jurors in two, he suggested, and reduce court costs by one-half. He did not recommend this action but believed the proposal should be "felt out."

Some rules prevent rather than assist in the ascertainment of facts in the court room, continued Judge Reid. An example was cited in the rule prohibiting the disclosure of facts by a physician learned through the professional sources which the law protects. There is a steadily growing belief, in which Judge Reid shared, that the provision permitting one to refuse to testify against himself works to defeat the ends of justice. In all of these problems of the courts Judge Reid believed the legislature will be glad to co-operate with the judges in remedying defects and improving the code.

**Favors Switching**  
Judge Fowler, chairman of the board, in his opening address, said that circuit judges should reside in other circuits whenever they might be called and could leave, and that if this co-operation be given wholeheartedly there will be no need for years to come for the creation of new circuits. He cited a striking example of the effectiveness of such co-operation in the readiness with which the judges from other circuits had tried all the cases on the calendar of Judge F. A. Ross of Superior, who has been ill for many months. He read from a letter of Judge Ross, who said he hoped to be able to return to the bench by next fall at the latest. Judge Fowler paid a tribute to the afflicted jurist from Superior, and at Judge Belden's suggestion a message of sympathy to Judge Ross was voted to be drafted.

**Given Rapport**  
A committee of three, composed of Judges George Grimm, Henry Graas and George Clementson, was appointed by Judge Reid to report with respect to the recommendations made in Chairman Fowler's address.

A banquet was given the visiting jurists at the Madison club last night by the circuit judges, by Chief Justice Winslow for the supreme court, and by Rufus B. Smith and T. C. Richmond for the Madison bar.

#### FINE QUAIL HUNTER

A small mess of quail for Christmas cost R. L. Bowen, Bangor, \$25. Judge John Brindley imposed this fine upon him when charged with having game in his possession out of the hunting season by Deputy Game Warden E. W. Gautsch.

#### TO MAKE VISITING HOUSEKEEPER THE SOLID FOUNDATION

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of the county poor fund and the charities of the city. It had been felt that much money and effort were being wasted, that existing methods failed in not striking the root of the trouble.

His inquiry convinced Mr. Barber that ignorance and incompetence in the homes was at the bottom of much suffering and was responsible for frequent failure of earnest efforts to relieve, and to get at the root of the trouble he conceived the idea of the visiting housekeeper.

#### Evolves Practical Plan

To demonstrate the plan he procured the services of Agnes Webster, a young woman who evinced deep interest in the work. She was not afraid of dirt, and upon being induced to attempt the plan for a month, she rolled up her sleeves and attacked uncleanliness in its favorite haunts, setting an example to mothers and older daughters that, it is said, has had an immediate effect. To work, to keep clean, how to cook, how to make food palatable and substantial food—these are the things she has been teaching.

#### Pays Big Dividends

An interesting phase of the experience is that it seems fully to have demonstrated that the saving to the poor fund will pay her annual salary several times, to say nothing of the greater benefit to be derived from the permanent redemption of impoverished families from the consequences of their own incompetence.

#### Mr. Barber's Address

Mr. Barber preceded the introduction of his resolution with an able argument in behalf of its passage in which he handled the subject from the viewpoint of permanent redemption work to which immediate relief is a very necessary but incidental accompaniment.

#### Schlicenmeyers' Name a Joke so He Gets a New One

Because his name was the cause of all his worries, Charles John Schlicenmeyers, 1515 Johnson street, petitioned Judge John Brindley yesterday to change it to Charles J. S. Meyers. Meyers got the new name.

In the petition Meyers stated that no one could remember the name; it hurt his business, and was never written correctly. Meyers said his name was the cause of mirth at times among his friends.

#### SAYS WM. WERMUTH USED HIS GARAGE FOR A ROADHOUSE

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William Wermuth, a police officer of said city of La Crosse, states and avers: "That heretofore, on Thanksgiving day, 1912, said William Wermuth, in uniform and while on duty, came into the garage operated by affiant at the corner of Front and Main streets, in said city of La Crosse, accompanied by two women of lewd character, and remained in the rear room of said garage, used as a dormitory by the drivers, for the period of two hours and reported at the station from said garage."

#### Wermuth With Women

"That affiant saw said Wermuth come in with the women, but thought that he would leave soon, but as the time went by and he did not come out, affiant went to him and saw him drinking beer and smoking cigarettes with his arms around one of the women. That affiant then reprimanded said Wermuth for misusing his garage in such a manner."

#### Repeated Offense

"That affiant since has seen Wermuth using his garage in like manner and is informed by his drivers and states upon information and belief that said Wermuth, after said Thanksgiving day and up to October, 1913, at which time affiant gave up said garage, used said garage for the same purposes on an average of four times a week, spending eight or ten hours a week in said garage when on duty as a police officer of said city."

"That such neglect of duty was practically continuous during that time."

(Signed) "JOSEPH F. HIRT."

#### "The Crooked Copper"

Hirt said today that he has nearly ready for publication a pamphlet to be called "The Crooked Copper," which he promises will reveal inside police dope of a nature so sensational as to rival the hottest numbers of "Jim Jam Jems."

#### BRITAIN MUST PAY FOR VIOLATION OF AMERICAN SHIPPING

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transgression of America's maritime rights. Financial restitution will be demanded.

#### Not a Threat

He held that this note was not a threat to Great Britain. He insisted that it was merely putting the shoe on the other foot, or, in other words, only applying the rules that Great Britain has heretofore insisted on in times of war when her own trade was affected.

The note today stands unanswered, the president said. It summarizes in comprehensive form, he explained, a series of complaints, although each individual case has been the subject of a concrete protest.

That this protest is the basis for a demand for damage after the war was evident from the president's explanation that wherever a government wrongs the maritime rights of a neutral nation the offending nation eventually has to pay for its transgressions. From this statement it was inferred that, as in other conflicts, the alleged injured neutral—America in this instance—expects to ask millions of dollars in reparation.

#### Question of Law

The president contended this sweeping document is only a question of the rules of international law. He emphatically asserted that as far as theory is concerned there is no debating America's position in the situation. England herself, he said, had taken a similar position in former years.

#### LUNCH FOR PENNY

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—One cent will buy a hungry man a substantial hot lunch in Chicago, beginning today. The one cent menu includes hot soup, one vegetable, one meat sandwich, coffee and bread. The lunch is sold by the Jewish Public Penny Kitchen and Free Employment bureau.

#### ONLY 3 DAYS LEFT

Going Out of Business

Wednesday  
Thursday  
and  
Saturday

Now is the time to save big money on New Fall Shoes and Rubbers for Men, Women, Boys and Girls. Only three days left.

ADAMS,  
THE SHOEMAN  
115-117 South Fourth

#### BURLESQUE SKIT FEATURES BILL

Take-off on Bard of Avon's Famous Drama Laughing Hit at the Majestic Theater

In "When Caesar's Her," a burlesque on the Shakespearean play based on Bernard Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra," Leonard and Anderson and company present one of the cleverest vaudeville numbers of the year in headlining the bill at the Majestic for the first half of the week. The playlet cleverly farces scenes from "Julius Caesar" and "Antony and Cleopatra."

Kenny and Platt, originators of "Nobody," are royal entertainers in their comedy singing and talking skit, presenting their famous sideline, I. R. Nobody. The humor of the act is cleverly executed.

Balancing Stevens, chair-balancer and comedian, works alone in an act which proves to be one of the best of the bill. His array of tricks seems endless, all the stunts being original and highly entertaining.

Jerome and Lewis, colored singers, were received cordially at all their appearances Sunday. A surprise, bewildering at first, is in store for the people seeing the act. The singing of the pair is of the best.

In what is probably the cleverest and most difficult slack wire act of the season at the local playhouse, the Lavolas work to the wonder of the audience. Numbers of stunts seldom seen by show-goers are done by the two people in the act.

#### ALLEGED FORGER PICKED UP NEAR POLICE STATION

Bert Boorman, aged 21, wanted at Montevideo, Minn., for alleged forgery, was arrested within a few yards of the La Crosse police station this morning by Detectives Joseph McGrath and Wm. Fitzsimmons.

Boorman denies his guilt, and says he is anxious to return to Minnesota and prove his innocence. His home is in Racine.

#### PARIS STIRRED BY REPORTED ADVANCE OVER TWO MILES

Sudden Activity Shown All Along Long Battle Line in France and Belgium

#### CHARGE SUCCEEDS NEAR NIEUPORT

Germans Alleged Driven Beyond St. George's by Charge After Bombardment

#### GERMANS MAY PLAN OFFENSIVE

Shell Village Heavily and Fire Is Thought Preliminary to Advance

(By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS, United Press Staff Correspondent.)

PARIS, Dec. 29.—A gain of more than two miles in Belgium, violent bombardment by the Germans of the allies' positions along the main road from Roys to Amiens, recapture of lost trenches after violent charges and counter charges and substantial gains in the Alsace district, electrified Paris today. Despite the snow and mud which covers the entire field of conflict the fighting was renewed today with ferocity at many points, according to the afternoon official announcement from the war office.

#### Gain at Nieuport.

The most pronounced gain was in the vicinity of Nieuport. There the allied forces, after the German lines were first battered with shells from the new French artillery, charged the enemy and drove the Germans back beyond St. George's. The battle was participated in by a strong French force and the losses on both sides were very heavy.

General von Kluck's artillery has been shelling the allied trenches from near Roys to Amiens. The villages of Echelle, Staurin, Quesnoy and Bouchor have all been shelled in the last twenty-four hours. The bombardment is thought to foreshadow another attempt on the part of the Germans to push their lines westward.

#### Regain Lost Trenches.

The lines of trenches west of Apremont, from which the Germans dislodged the French a few days ago, are again in the possession of the allies. They were gained by three distinct counter attacks. The fighting was prolonged and sanguinary. The French would advance, following shelling of the German positions, only to be subjected to a death-dealing raking with shrapnel which could not be withstood. On the third attempt the French forces dug themselves in almost within touch of the German trenches. Grenades and explosive bombs were thrown in the trenches until the Germans were compelled to retire.

Substantial gains are reported in upper Alsace. The French forces commanded by General Pau have invested Steinbach after a most violent battle in which they took the ruins of a chateau northwest of the village.

#### Activity in Alsace.

(By ED L. KEEN, United Press Staff Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 29.—While the French and British troops in the northwest of France and southern Belgium are slowed up by weather conditions, important happenings are taking place in Alsace. The French columns under General Pau are pressing forward, and advices from Paris indicate that they are near a decisive triumph. Meanwhile, there is a growing belief that the British fleet is again about to strike, this time in far greater force than was used on Christmas day.

Great activity is reported from the several bases, especially those commanding the direct route to Heligoland.

#### After Turkeys Thief Puts Axe Through Window

GRABS FOWL FROM DISPLAY CASE OF FRANK HER - LITZKE BUTCHER SHOP

Shortly after 3 o'clock this morning a man hurled a small hand axe through the window of the Frank Herlitzke butcher shop, Twelfth street and Mormon Coulee road, seized one of the fowls and escaped.

Members of the family, who occupy apartments above the store, heard the crashing glass and got to the window in time to see the man running north on Twelfth street.

The police are working on the case, their only clue being the hand axe which was found on the floor.

#### BOY INJURED IN FALL AT "Y"

Norris Hansen, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Hansen, 1627 Jackson street, yesterday afternoon sustained painful injuries about the head and shoulders in a fall from rings while exercising in the gymnasium at the Y. M. C. A. Dr. H. E. Wolf, who attended him, does not pronounce the injuries of a serious nature.

#### PARK THEATRE TONIGHT

(OLD Y. C. A.)

#### 1. FOR THE PEOPLE.

Founded on the workmen's compensation law, featuring Dorothy Phillips, Iatt Moore and Governor Cox of Ohio.

#### 2. VASCO THE VAMPIRE

Little Matty and juvenile support. Drama.

#### 3. THIS IS THE LIFE.

Side splitting comedy.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH TONIGHT

Adults 10c

Children 5c

#### THE ORDEAL

A five reel Alco feature, showing for the LAST TIMES TODAY, is a

#### Second Sealed Orders

All who recently saw "Sealed Orders" will recall what a splendid production it was. "The Ordeal" is along similar lines, with the same beautiful photography, splendid acting and absorbing story

#### The Casino

Regular Prices

Regular Prices

#### TWO NEAR DEATH BENEATH ENGINE

#### AUTHORIZE RATE RAISES IN WEST

City Weighmaster John Schnell, brother of Commissioner of Public Works Fred Schnell, and his son William, were near death beneath the wheels of a switch engine at the Northwestern railroad crossing, Fourth and La Crosse streets, shortly before 7 o'clock this morning.

The pair were driving south in a cutter. A string of box cars obstructed their view of the tracks. Just as they were crossing a switch engine—they say without ringing its bell—came from behind the "string."

Their horse reared, overturning the cutter and throwing them out, directly in the path of the engine. A wonderful stop by the engineer saved their lives.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The interstate commerce commission today published an important addition to the five per cent rate case by authorizing certain rate advances in the Northwest railroad crossing, outwest.

The commission's order declared the through class rates applying in both directions between the Central freight association territory and the outwest may be advanced subject to the western classification in certain specific amounts, ranging from one-half of one per cent to nearly three per cent. The rate groups involved are Louisville, Cincinnati, Dayton, South Bend, Detroit, Cleveland and Pittsburg.



Better Than

Coffee Less Than Half The Cost of Coffee

Kneipp Malt is a splendid economy in your home. It cuts your coffee bill in half and gives you a healthful, delicious, coffee flavor drink. Its rich malic acid makes rosy cheeks, aids digestion, promotes sound and healthful sleep. Coffee causes indigestion and sleeplessness. Try Kneipp Malt for a while.

Kneipp Malt is quickly prepared. Pour boiling water over the ground Kneipp Malt. Let it boil up once. Other cereal coffees require more time to prepare.

At your grocer 5c and 25c

Kneipp Malt Makes Rosy Cheeks

#### MUSICAL COMEDY "WATCH YOUR STEP"

WITH

### JACK TRAINER

HERE LAST SEASON WITH

"HENPECKED HENRY"

COMING

## MAJESTIC THURSDAY







## AFTER XMAS SPECIALS FROM OUR GROCERY DEPT.

### Combination

10 lbs. Sugar .49c  
1/2 lb. Cocoa .15c  
2 boxes 500 Count  
Matches . . . . .10c

**All For 74c**

### LARD

Pure Kettle Rendered Lard, limit  
4 pounds, pound **12 1/2c**

### MUSTARD

Special Spiced Mustard, bottles contain 1 1/2 pint or over, while they last **10c** at each

### SOAP

Swift's Pride Laundry Soap, 6 bars for **17c**

### CRANBERRIES

Cape Cod Dry Clean Berries, per pound **7 1/2c**

### GRAPE FRUIT

Fancy Florida Grape Fruit, 80 size, dozen **50c**; each **5c**

### PEAS

Select June Peas, can **7 1/2c**

### CORN

Wisconsin Standard Pack Corn, per can **7 1/2c**

### HOMINY

Dixey brand Hominy, No. 3 can **7 1/2c** at

### TOMATOES

No. 2 can Standard Tomatoes, per can **7 1/2c**

## SALE OF BOYS' NECKWEAR

Boys' Holiday Neckwear in beautiful boxes of fancy design (not holly), clearance price, 39c values, special at

**25c**

Boys' Clothing Department  
Second Floor

You will find  
values in this Sale  
that are  
a revelation

# DOERFLINGER'S.

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Hundreds of Women  
have expressed great  
Satisfaction of the  
Big Bargains

# Unmatchable Bargains are Being Offered in Our Big Pre-Inventory Dress Goods Sale

A FEW OF THE MANY BIG BARGAINS

## \$1.00 All Wool Materials to Sell at 50c

42 in. Vigereaux  
Stripes & Checks

50 inch Black  
Cheviot Serges ..

42 in. fine Black  
French Voiles ..

**50c**

42 inch all Wool  
Malange, light,  
medium and dark  
gray.

50 inch Heavy  
Storm Serge, in  
navy blue, brown  
and wine.

## \$1.19 and \$1.25 Materials that Sell at 75c

46 inch Clay Worsteds  
in black and colors

46 inch heavy Coating  
Serge.

44 inch Two-toned  
Diagonal Cords.

45 in. Colored French  
Taffetas.

**75c**

46 inch Fine Imperial  
Serges, all colors  
and in black.

52 in. all wool Broad-  
cloth Sackings.

56 in. Stripe Worsted  
Suitings.

### 35c Rice Voiles

White and with fancy colored  
figures, for summer dresses, 40  
inch materials, yard

**19 Cents**

### Figured Quilting Sateens

12 1/2 yard wide  
per yard

**8 1/2 Cents**

### CLOAKINGS

\$2.00 and \$2.50 54 inch Cloakings, in  
stripes and checks, per  
yard **\$1.25**

### DRESS GINGHAMS

25c quality of 32 inch Dress Gingham, big variety of patterns, at the yard only **15c**

### BLACK AND WHITE CHECKS

75c 44 inch Black and White Checks, at per yard **43c**

### FANCY CREPES

\$2.25 and \$3.00 40 inch Fancy Crepes, Printed Silks, Printed Crepe de Chines, Egyptian Crepes, etc., yard **\$1.88**

### CORDUROY SUITINGS

\$1.25 quality of 29 inch Corduroy Suitings, white, wine, cadet blue and green, yard **75c**

### SATIN CHARMEUSE

\$2.00 Satin Charmeuse, 40 inches wide, in light, medium and dark shades, yard **\$1.29**

### FLEECE FLANNELETTE

12 1/2c Fancy Fleece Flannelettes, Persian Stripes, in all light, medium and dark colors, yd. **9c**

### SILK CREPE DE CHINE

\$2.00 and \$1.75 beautiful fine Pure Italian Spun Silk Crepe de Chine, every color, cream, ivory, white, black, **\$1.39**

### Cotton Challies

for comforters, yard

**4 1/2 Cents**

### Extra Wednesday Only

Standard Apron Gingham, all styles, of best indigo blue and white checks, only yard—

**6 Cents**

# Pre-Inventory Clearance Sale of Women's Apparel

IF YOU HAVE A COAT, DRESS, SKIRT OR SUIT WANT—YOU SHOULD BUY NOW

## LOOK FOR OUR BIG SALE OF WOMEN'S MUSLIN UNDERWEAR NEXT WEEK

## Women's Winter Suits

\$20.00 Women's Suits selling for **\$8.00** \$35.00 Women's Suits selling for **\$14.85**

## One Piece Dresses

Consisting of velvets, silk crepe de chine, messalines, taffetas and pussy willow silks, in all sizes from 34 to 47 inch bust measure, during this sale **1/2 Price** your unrestricted choice

## Dress Skirts

About 150 Women's Skirts of serge, fancy mixtures, etc., regular \$5.00 and \$5.85 Skirts: just to reduce our enormous stock, priced for all this week **\$2.85** at your choice

Women's  
Ready-to-Wear  
Second Floor



## Shirt Waists

Your choice of any Woman's Shirt Waist in our mammoth stock at big reductions—Waists from \$5.00 and up at 25 per cent discount, which means—

\$5.00 Waists for	<b>\$3.75</b>	\$6.50 Waists for	<b>\$4.88</b>
\$10.00 Waists for	<b>\$7.50</b>	\$6.00 Waists for	<b>\$4.50</b>

## Women's Coats

Women's \$25.00 Winter Coats	<b>\$10.00</b>	Women's \$12.50 Winter Coats	<b>\$5.00</b>
Winter Coats \$5 up to \$7.50 value	<b>\$2.95</b>		

## Furs Furs Furs

All kinds of Furs, Minks, Seal, Fitch, Coneys, Opossums, Red, Gray or Black Fox, Genets, etc., your choice for the next week at **1/2 Price**

# SPORTS

## INTEREST HOT IN BASKETBALL MEET

Championship Teams From  
All Over the Country Will  
Meet in Minneapolis  
in February

BY TIM SULLIVAN

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 29.—Probably one of the biggest of coming events of the northwest sports, in the scope of its interest, is the basketball tournament between the teams of Red Wing, Minn.; Fond du Lac, Wis.; Oswego, N. Y.; Bemidji, Minn.; Billings, Mont.; and Aberdeen, S. D., to be played with several of the Mill City stars at Minneapolis in February.

Down upon the banks of the Mississippi river there is a town named Red Wing. It is famous for several things among them putting basketball upon the map in the west. It is the Red Wing Red Men, and several of the men of this team have scattered to various parts of the United States, where they are spreading the gospel of basketball.

William Conlin came from Red Wing. He has just been appointed coach of St. Joseph's five in Minneapolis. For two seasons he coached the Loyola team at Mankato, Minn., where his short underhand pass made a great hit.

George Fogarty taught Conlin the game in Red Wing. Now Fogarty is coaching and acting as captain of the Fond du Lac quintet, champions of America for two successive seasons.

In the pine forests of Bemidji, Paul Howe, juggles kale in the Northern National bank during a portion of the time, but in the evening is in charge of the Bemidji basketball team. He and Carl Jacobson work together in making the big Bemidji team one big success. Both are formerly from Red Wing.

Trailing to the Pacific coast in 1906 and 1907 E. P. Neil was in charge of the Red Wing team, which introduced basketball on the western coast on these expeditions. In 1908 Neil was in charge of the Billings, Mont., team, which developed a championship, it held for four years. This year Neil is promising to bring forth a championship team at Aberdeen, S. D.

## TILLMAN RECEIVES BID FROM ANDREWS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 29.—John Tillman, local lightweight boxer, on Monday received an offer from Tom Andrews, the Milwaukee fight promoter to meet Joe Welling, a Chicago lightweight, in the semi-windup bout of the Clabby-Gibbons card at Milwaukee, January 21.

Tillman will accept the proposition on condition that Andrews promises to give him a windup bout later on against some top notch battler. Welling is a Chicago battler who accompanied Clabby on his Australian trip. He is also under the management of Larry Lichtenstein.

## MACK ATHLETES MINGLE WITH HENS

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 29.—Track athletes at the University of Wisconsin will literally "run around with the chickens" when they return to school after the holiday races.

For five days their indoor track will encircle a couple of thousand hens and roosters, for the annual show of the Wisconsin Poultry association will be on in the athletic annex. The association was forced to use these quarters because the college of agriculture has been closed on account of the foot and mouth disease.

## IF KIDNEYS ACT BAD TAKE SALTS

Says Backache is sign you have been eating too much meat

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it generally means you have been eating too much meat, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and loggy. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels; removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells; your stomach sour, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water scalds and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is a life saver for regular meat eaters. It is inexpensive, cannot injure and makes a delightful, effervescent lithia-water drink. Chas. A. Beyschlag, druggist, 503 Main St.

### SKATE CHAMP "PRO."

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Robert McLean may soon be matched with Wood Baple or Lamy for a big side bet and the international professional ice skating championship. McLean announced today that he has turned professional. He was holder of the international amateur title.

## THE ELLIOTT LOEFFLER CO.

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222-224 Pearl Street.

## GUNDS TAKE THREE FROM S. & S. TEAM

Brewers Carry Match with  
Cigar Men in League  
Match Last Night  
at Malloy's Alleys

Rolling in their old form, the Gunds last night took three straight games from the S. & S. team in their league match at the Malloy alleys. The second game of the contest was the closest, the cigar men finishing 31 points behind the brewers. The first and third games went to the Gunds by wide margins.

Stannard of the Gunds rolled the best ball of the evening, copping scores of 204, 203 and 157. Fred Affeldt of the Gunds was high man of the evening with a score of 208 in the last game. Netzer was high man for the S. & S. club with a mark of 203 in the second game.

The scores:  
Gunds—  
Fred Affeldt . . . 168 136 208  
Stannard . . . 204 203 157  
Henry Affeldt . . . 177 158 160  
Ulrich . . . 183 198 159

Paulson . . . 180 187 149

Totals . . . 912 882 833

S. and S.—

Scherer . . . 197 151 182

Huebner . . . 166 131 137

Netzer . . . 139 203 148

Burford . . . 169 179 159

Barnes . . . 176 187 152

Totals . . . 838 851 778

## CRUCIAL DAY FOR SALE OF YANKEES

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Reports from the seat of negotiations for the sale of the New York Yankees have an official war bulletin tone today.

"Matters are progressing favorably."

Ban Johnson expressed the opinion today as conferences between Colonel Ruppert, Captain Huston and Frank J. Farrell were resumed, that the deal will be closed before tonight—or never.

### WHITE MEETS SHUGRUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Charles White of Chicago and Joe Shugrue of Jersey City, lightweight contenders, will meet in Madison Square Garden tonight for a ten round go to determine who will be the next man to meet Freddie Welsh in a decision contest.

## SCIENCE FORSAKEN FOR BILLIARD GAME

Koji Yamada Started His  
Career as Student at Heidelberg and Is Now an  
Expert Cueist

Forsaking what promised to be a brilliant career as a surgeon to become a billiard champion is the story of Koji Yamada, the Jap, who is a member of the Champion Billiard Players' league and who will be seen in this city January 1 in a title contest with Albert Cutler.

Yamada's father is classed among the more prosperous and progressive citizens of Japan. He was ambitious for a distinguished career for his son and desired him to have the best advantages of education which the world could offer. With this in view it was decided that Koji should attend the university at Heidelberg, Germany, and prepare himself for the practice of surgery.

Koji was not only willing but enthusiastic and for a time was one of the most promising of the young students at the German university. It was merely by accident that Koji

found out that he would be more successful as a billiard player than as a surgeon. At the Students' club at Heidelberg one evening he was induced to play a game of billiards. Up to that time he had never held a cue, the game not being extensively known in his native land. From the first he not only showed remarkable skill as a billiard player but became so fascinated with the game that he spent more time at the Students' club billiard hall than he did at the lecture room.

When Koji returned home he failed to bring a diploma from Heidelberg but he did bring with him the billiard championship of Germany. This fact had much to do with adding an impetus to the game in Japan and before coming to America, Koji had accomplished the easy task of annexing the championship of his own country and the somewhat more difficult task of renewing the confidence of a father in a son who had gone contrary to the wishes of the father. Now Koji is even a bigger man in Japan than if he had pursued his studies and returned home with his diploma.

As showing the possibilities for tree growth in regions where irrigation has to be depended upon, it is pointed out that Boise, Idaho, has as many as 94 different kinds of ornamental and shade trees.

## BAN SEES FINISH OF OUTLAW LEAGUE

President of the American  
League Predicts Failure  
of Circuit Before the  
First of June

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—"I cannot see how the Federals will ever open their parks in the spring," President Ban Johnson of the American league declared today. "And if they do, they will close them before the first of June."

Johnson has been getting reports on the Federals, he declared, and he may have an interesting announcement to make regarding them today or tomorrow. The Indianapolis team is financially "under the weather," Johnson asserted, and unable to get out on a sound basis.

"A circuit switch is absolutely necessary, but all the cities that have been approached on the subject have given the proposition a cold shoulder," the American league president added.

Edison says we need no sleep. Maybe that is why he invented the night-prowling phonograph.